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## Team Effort Puts Missing Memorial in Place

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Over a 10-year span, there was unrest in the American colonies before Americans fought the British and declared their independence in 1776. Rochester answered the call for rebellion well before many other area Massachusetts communities, according to town native and Tri-Town Veterans Service Officer Chris Gerrior.

To celebrate this history, a group of residents gathered in front of Town Hall on May 7 to unveil a Revolutionary War memorial. The scene was perfect: Under idyllic blue skies and a summer-like Sunday afternoon, local officials and residents were joined by Revolutionary War reenactors, including Wareham, Fairhaven and Rehoboth militiamen, a colonial fife and drum group out of Fall River and the local Boy Scouts troop.

The reenactors marched toward Town Hall, drums and musket fire blasts temporarily drowning out the Route 105 traffic.

Connie Eshbach, chairwoman of the town's Historical Commission, said conversations about this memorial began more than two years ago.

She noted that Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge and local Peter Foss worked with the commission to make it possible.

Eshbach said before the ceremony on Sunday that Rochester has a memorial for every other war. She and Gerrior added that Rochester, of all local communities, should have a memorial commemorating this conflict.

Gerrior talked about many local issues over a 10-year span that impelled colonists toward war.

Eshbach said Rochester had one of the highest percentages of soldiers among its local population to take up arms. At that time, Rochester also encompassed neighboring communities Marion and Mattapoisett.

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**On the Cover:** Reenactors march to Rochester Town Hall to honor the dedication of a Revolutionary War Memorial on Sunday afternoon. Local officials and residents heard from keynote speakers from the Rochester Historical Commission and Tri-Town Veterans office and saw a Revolutionary War reenactment, including musket fire with costumed participants from Wareham, Fairhaven, Rehoboth and Fall River with support from Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31. Photo by Mick Colageo

"Many Rochesterians answered the call," Gerrior said, later adding that these men fought an "empire" and "sacrificed time and comfort for the birth of our country."

"They wanted self-government and self-governance," Gerrior added.

He noted that with May being Military Appreciation Month, the town picked a perfect time to unveil the monument.

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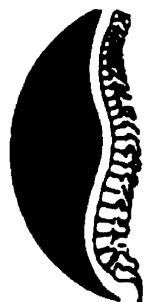
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Gerrior informed the public about lesser-known holidays in May, including May 1 – armed forces day – and the Friday before Mother's Day, a holiday commemorating military spouses.

The monument itself pays tribute to the men who fought in this war. Gerrior and Eshbach said women of this time period – though they could not fight – played a pivotal role. Women helped keep businesses and families running while the men took up arms against the British soldiers, noted Gerrior and Eshbach.

Gerrior named many of the families that were involved in the conflict, local surnames that now are the names of local streets and places – Church, Briggs and Barlow – to name a few.

Gerrior, a member of the town's Conservation Commission, said he hopes many of the town's younger generation become inspired by the memorial and get more involved in town government.

## 9/11 Flag Visits Local Fire Stations

**By Marilou Newell**

It has been nearly 22 years since terrorists attacked the World Trade Center, piloting two planes into the towers which subsequently collapsed, taking thousands of people's lives. Who can forget the images of first responders covered in thick ash and concrete dust, or staggering civilians attempting to flee on bare feet over broken glass? Do those of us who are old enough to remember that day – September 11, 2001 – ever forget those images? No we don't, nor should we.

We all have a duty to remember, especially the firefighters and police officers who gave their own lives to save others. To that end, a group called Ground Zero has made it their mission to send a flag and marble cross around the country touring fire



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stations where ceremonies of remembrance are held.

Last week, the flag, not the flag that was hoisted above the rubble by firefighters but another that flew near Tower 2 as the massive job of cleaning up, collecting remains and personal effects took place, visited Marion and Mattapoisett. A stop in Rochester is anticipated in September.

Ceremonies were held on May 2 and May 5 at respective Mattapoisett and Marion Fire stations, where Explorers (junior firefighters) heard, possibly for the first time, the events of that fateful day and the importance of remembering.

The flag itself is standard issue, but while watching it fly for 9 minutes and 11 seconds from the flagpoles at the fire houses, one sensed the solemnity of the moment. The marble cross was sculpted from stone conserved from a stairwell at the site. The two artifacts have borne witness and now share their story to help teach and to help remember. Traveling with these items is a log book filled with badges, buttons and signatures of those who have attended a ceremony.

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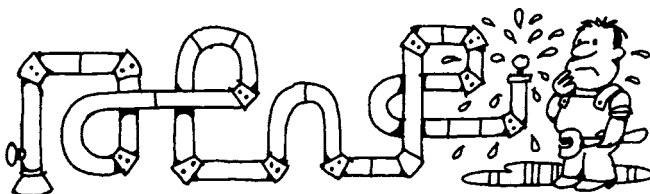
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Mattapoisett Fire Chief Andrew Murray commented on Facebook, "The flag and marble cross has made three tours in Iraq, been on a Blackhawk helicopter and on a combat mission in an A-10 Thunderbolt 'Warhog.' It has also flown over the Pentagon, on US Navy warships and at Army, Navy and Air Force installations.

"Now the flag has been traveling around the United States to fly at police and fire stations, municipal buildings and veterans' associations with a goal to retire the flag on the 25th anniversary of when the flag last flew over the rubble of the WTC."

Marion Fire Chief Brian Jackvony stated in a follow-up, "Having the flag and cross here gave us the opportunity to pause and reflect the events of 9/11 ... recognizing the sacrifices that were made on that day and our military who fought for our freedom."

The Tri-Town Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Explorer group participated, not only learning about an event that happened before they were born, but the importance of reverential ceremonies. The Explorers in attendance were Dominic Fringuelli, Brendan Foster, Lisa Harrington, Jack Hebert and Kennedy Tripp.

A few days later, the flag was in Worcester, causing Mattapoisett Fire Captain Brian Connelly to say, "It moves along fast." Connelly was instrumental in bringing the flag and cross to the area.

## Mute Swan Gets Mixed Reviews

**By George B. Emmons**

The elegant looking Mute Swan is the very same bird of dramatic Russian Ballets and European fairy tales of children's literature.

They were first brought to this country to decorate and give styling to public parks, ponds, lakes and city zoos. Today their distribution has gone wild by escaping from original purpose. But because of their pristine appearance of white shades and while muzzling each other with curved necks forming a heart shape, they have looked like avian symbols of romantic love by the admiring public.

As in my illustration, the Mute Swan gathering with goslings carried on their backs around Ned's Point Park, both males and females are aggressive toward people,

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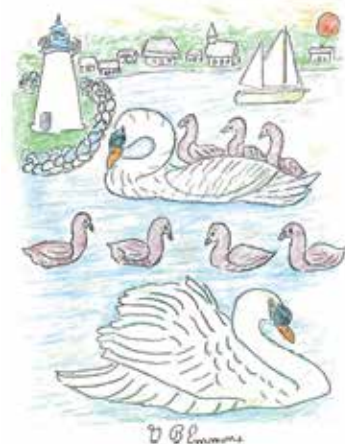


young children and other waterfowl around the nesting area. They can also be destructive to aquatic submerged vegetation with their long necks by pulling up eight pounds of plants per day and wiping out feeding beds for other bottom feeders.

At the turn of the 20th century, New England state governments suggested restrictions on allowing Mute Swans feeding too deeply.

However, public opinion seriously took the side of the Swans and still wants them protected to this very day for environmental support. One of the reasons for public support is that they have the tradition of mating for life, even though random changing of mates is very common. If a male Swan mates with a younger female, they both join his habitat. But if he mates with an older female, they both will be true and change to her lifestyle. Thus, Mother Nature rules are clearly specified after remating for the future.

Another admiral quality of Swans is the premise that they are believed to sing their own death song on their




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final flight before they die. This includes the outspoken Trumpeter Swan as well as the northern Tundra Swan, and bird lovers also include the Mute Swan, whose wing beats can be heard as far as a mile away. A pair of Mute Swans are recently often seen patrolling the coastline at the water's edge on Little Bay in Fairhaven.

I can observe them closely, dipping head and neck toward the bottom with tail up and feeding on seeds, stems and roots of eel grass, moving along thoroughly but destructively as described in my article and illustration impression.

In a few weeks, I will be glad from a literary perspective when they nest and reproduce four or five goslings and help them fledge into the end of summer,

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**By Mick Colageo**

Teresa Firth's 33-marathon history bears witness to the running community's traditional message to its newcomers: one step at a time and never say never.

Publicly congratulated on Tuesday afternoon by Marion Town Administrator Geoff Gorman for completing her 16th Boston Marathon just three weeks ago, Firth has a day job as a secretary for the town's Department of Public Works. The workday, however, is often the prelude to a second wave of energy when she takes part in a track workout at Fairhaven's Cushman Park. There, she trains with a group of runners working on different aspects as directed by a coach.

"Every week is a different thing, sometimes it's speed," she said.

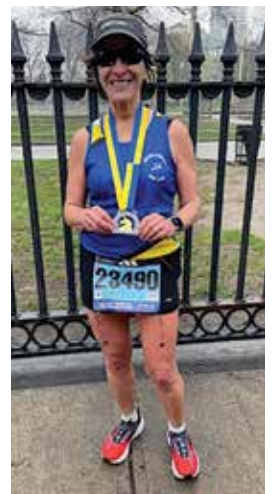
The Fairhaven resident was no distance-running prodigy, the catalyst for this high-achieving activity arriving in her adult life.

"No, not at all. I started running when my daughter was born, like 36 years ago," said Firth, 59. "I just started running like the 5K's and 10K's."

Raised in New Bedford, Firth took up running and joined the Greater New Bedford Track Club, eventually completing her first marathon in 2001 in Hartford, Connecticut. The event was more than a milestone in that her performance qualified her to run Boston.

"I've been qualifying every year," she said.

Firth ran the 2023 BAA Marathon in honor of her father, whom she lost a year and a half ago. "I put his name on my arm and think about him along the way," she said.



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"Completing a marathon is no easy feat, and her dedication and perseverance are inspiring," stated Gorman in a press release.

The Boston course is famous for Heartbreak Hill, the incline just inside Brookline that runners often struggle to scale, but Firth has discovered many other difficult hills on the 26.2-mile course.

"It's where it comes in the race," she said, alluding to Miles 17-21. "But they say the last 10K is the hardest ... you're tired ..." It's not only the last 6 miles, however. "Especially in the beginning, too, there are rolling hills and a couple (of hills) right in front of Fenway (Park.)"

Firth's youngest daughter has caught the bug, having

run three marathons.

"We're doing one in New York, that'll be her fourth," said Firth.

Scheduled for Sunday, October 1, the Guthrie Wineglass Marathon, New York state's second largest, is a BAA qualifier situated in the Southern Finger Lakes region and headquartered in Corning, New York.

### Trivial Pursuit of Justice

*Thoughts on...*

**By Dick Morgado**

Serious business goes on in Washington, or so they say. Much of it is in the hallowed halls of the Supreme Court of the United States.

I use the word hallowed, which is defined on CollinsDictionary.com as "something that is respected ... old, important and has a good reputation." The Court of course has generally worn this cloak proudly. It is, after all, the final arbiter of all things of substance under the law.

So, when it was announced that the Court has taken up the important case of ... wait for it ... rubber dog toys ... trivial and frivolous were the words on many pundits' lips. Over the years, the Court has heard many cases of import.

In the dog toy case, Jack Daniels, a hard-liquor distiller, considers it an important trademark infringement issue. They are suing because they are concerned that the toy "tarnishes their image," and their discerning customers will be unable to distinguish their black-labeled, glass whiskey bottle from a rubber chew toy. It's just my opinion, but if that's true, maybe their customers ought to lay off the hooch a bit.

The label in question has a drawing of a dog prominently displayed in place of the distiller's name and declares that it is "100% smelly" and "100% poo by volume." The toy maker claims their free-speech rights are being abused and that parody is American as apple pie. The Court expects to rule by the end of June.

The robed justices are no strangers to silly litigation. The Court once had to rule on who owns the sky. In the case *U.S. v Causby*, a farmer claimed airplanes flying over his chicken coop were scaring his birds to death. He cited an old common law which said that a landowner owned

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beloved Red Sox, tried to trademark the word "BOSTON." Common sense prevailed as the Sox asked that the case be dropped, preferring to continue their quixotic quest for a pennant rather than to own a city.

Speaking of sports ... consider the poor soul who looked like Michael Jordan. He sued Jordan because people kept mistaking him for the basketball star. Maybe I should sue George Clooney because I am cursed with his good looks. Eh, maybe not.

Another fellow sued to legally change his age to avoid getting old. He lost, but I sure wish he'd won.

## Marion School Committee

*Editor's note: Three (3) candidates are on the ballot for two (2) open seats on the Marion School Committee.*

### Mary Beauregard, Incumbent

My name is Mary Beauregard. I'm running for reelection to the Marion School Committee. I am currently on the Policy and Equity subcommittees, the Joint School Committee, and I represent Marion for the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. In my last term, I successfully worked on contract negotiations with support staff. I am committed to continuing and bettering the work of the Equity Subcommittee as it is tied directly to our district's



Strategic Plan and School Improvement Plan. I believe a parent has every right to decide their own child cannot have access to certain materials, but does not have the right to decide that for others. Our librarians are educated, and I trust they are making the best decisions for the majority of students. I originally ran for Marion School Committee in 2020 when there was an open seat and a need for someone to step up. I had a genuine desire to help and be involved in the school my children would soon be attending. I did not run with a specific agenda on any one issue. I am running for re-election because I believe with my three years of experience I'm now in a position to make more of an impact. Serving on the School Committee has been invaluable and I hope to continue my service.

### Nichole Nye McGaffey, Incumbent

I'm Nichole Nye McGaffey and I'm running for one of two Marion School Committee seats up for election. I first got involved with the committee last year as a write-in candidate for a one-year vacancy. No one expressed interest in serving and I didn't want to leave the committee underrepresented. I grew up in Marion and attended both Sippican School and Old Rochester. I know firsthand that the quality of education we provide the students of Marion is outstanding. It's a point of pride for this community and a reason people want to live here. I'm passionate about making sure that continues. It's the job of the school committee to ensure that our administration and faculty have the resources needed to continue to provide the students of Marion with an excellent education within a safe and supportive school community. That's the mindset I bring to the committee. I attend each meeting open-minded, ready to listen, and ready to help where I can. As a juris doctorate and the only member of the committee that doesn't have a child attending school in the district, I believe I bring an important and unique perspective to the committee. I'm not running with the support of a local political party or with a political agenda. I have a deep love for this town that has been and will always be



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home to me and my family. My family has a long legacy of service to this community that I'm very proud of. I'm looking for my own ways to serve it. The work I'm most proud to have supported over the last year includes the wonderful work that Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Shari Fedorowicz is doing to get the school on a district-wide literacy program to allow us to share resources and data across the district, the satellite police office at Sippican that Superintendent Nelson and Chief Nighelli spearheaded as a creative solution to our current budget constraints, and efforts to clarify our public comments policy to ensure transparency, accountability, and community involvement. I ask for your vote on May 12.

### Mirian Nawoichik, Challenger

I'm inspired to run in order to help give children the best possible education in Marion. I am a mother of two boys in Sippican School. This has allowed me to understand the needs of families in our school system and I feel there is no better experience than that. I'm also an active member of VASE, Volunteers at Sippican Elementary School. Our children's education should be a top priority. I'm running for common sense and practical choices. As a School Committee member, my focus will be solely on the educational needs of our children, and I will work to ensure that every student has access to a high-quality education. I understand that politics



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can often cloud decision-making and create unnecessary roadblocks, which is why I am committed to staying away from politics and staying true to our children's needs. I will work with everyone — parents, teachers, administrators, and community members — to ensure that everyone's concerns are heard and addressed. I am confident that my decisions will make a positive impact on our school. What our elementary school children are learning is the start of a foundation that will empower them to excel when they eventually head into middle School, high school and beyond. I believe anyone voting for Marion School Committee on May 12 should consider voting for me. I know personally what it's like to raise two children in our school and I will put education first.

### **Mattapoisett School Committee**

*Editor's note: Two (2) candidates are on the ballot for one (1) open seat on the Mattapoisett School Committee.*

#### **Carly Lavin, Incumbent**

My name is Carly Lavin, and I am seeking reelection to the Mattapoisett School Committee to ensure that all students get the best education this town can responsibly afford to offer. I believe that my professional skills garnered through my current role as head of operations for a financial software



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company as well as former career as an actuary would be a continued asset to the Mattapoisett School District. In my career as well as my past service to our schools, I have always been willing to ask questions, listen, and synthesize information. I accept the responsibility that comes with making decisions. I know how to compromise and reach decisions based on the merits of issues. I have a vested interest in the quality of that education that we provide, as I am a mother to four young children ranging from pre-K to Grade 5. If reelected, these are the three core areas I will continue to focus on: 1. Advocate for a science-based literacy curriculum from Pre-K through Grade 6 and ensure funding is appropriated towards the critical needs of literacy; 2. Financial transparency to the townspeople on the cost of education per pupil, including working with Town Hall to ensure the costs of our shared-use building are allocated appropriately. Having represented the School Committee in serving on the town Capital Planning Committee for the last year as well as my involvement in the School Consolidation study, I am well versed on the town's aging infrastructure and upcoming needs. As far as the school consolidation study, I look forward to helping inform the community of all the pertinent facts after the final school consolidation presentation on May 15; 3. Ensure our buildings provide a safe environment for both students and educators. I am running for reelection for the Mattapoisett School Committee to make sure that my children, my neighbors' children and grandchildren, as well as the next generation of learners, get the best education this town can responsibly afford to offer. I will keep the education of and welfare of Mattapoisett's children as my primary concern while representing the best interest of all constituents.

#### **David F. Pierre Jr., Challenger**

I am running for the Mattapoisett School Committee because I care deeply about the education that children receive in our town. I know I would bring a unique perspective to the committee because I have been a teacher for over 20 years. I began my teaching career in South Central Los Angeles, where I taught for eight years, and I now teach middle school math in New Bedford. My wife is a teacher as well, a first-grade teacher in Acushnet. Our daughter is a freshman at Old Rochester Regional High School. Mattapoisett is a wonderful town, and you see its strength in its families. We feel lucky to have moved here



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when we did in 2009. I am a lector and parishioner at St. Anthony's Parish, and I assist in teaching a Confirmation class there. As I've gone to doors and talked with members of the community, I have been very encouraged by the positive reception I've received. I have also realized that I am not alone in believing that our School Committee is in need of a fresh pair of eyes – and, most notable, some balance – to the issues facing our schools today. The issue of a possible consolidation of Center School and Old Hammondtown is an extremely important one, as it would have a profound effect on the overall fabric of our town. It is crucial that this entire discussion be as transparent and deliberate as possible. I look forward to the upcoming presentation from the Collins Center from UMass to see what their long-awaited study has uncovered. Another concern is the continued trend downward in enrollment in ORR, and this is surely a point of focus when it comes to budgeting in the future. The increase in utilities cost is also a concern, as well as the loss of ESSER funds which will probably expire soon. But what remains is the top priority to provide children the best education possible in Mattapoisett.

### ORR School Committee

*Editor's note: The Old Rochester Regional School Committee will see races this month between incumbents and challengers in all three of the Tri-Towns. This week we present the candidates for one open seat in Marion and one open seat in Mattapoisett. The Rochester candidates will appear in the May 18 issue of The Wanderer.*

### Frances-Feliz Kearns, Mattapoisett Incumbent

I am running for reelection to the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee as the Mattapoisett representative. Over the past year, I have established myself as a trusted leader, valued colleague and dedicated student advocate. As an engineer with over 20 years of experience in the aerospace, military and life sciences industries, I believe in the power of STEM



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education and the opportunities it can provide for our students. I have helped secure thousands of dollars in STEM funding for our schools, and I believe that education is a gateway to a better life for all students, regardless of their background or circumstances. During the pandemic, I worked tirelessly to support diverse learning options to meet the individual needs of students and their families. I was instrumental in transitioning from remote to hybrid and eventually in-person learning, and I served on the committee for safely reopening schools. As a director of engineering, quality assurance at Takeda Pharmaceuticals, I understand the importance of communication, collaboration and critical thinking, and I bring those skills to my work on the school committee. I have negotiated fair and equitable teacher contracts while maintaining high-quality educators and extracurricular programs. Outside of my work on the school committee, I am an active member of the Mattapoisett PTA and a former Cub Master. I have received numerous awards and recognitions for my work and dedication to our community including recognition from the New Bedford NAACP, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA and the Massachusetts State Senate and House of Representatives. I am also a sought-after public speaker and have been recognized as one of the 2023 South Coast Women in Leadership. I am running for reelection because I believe in the power of education and the promise of a better future for all students. I am committed to working hard and making sure that our schools continue to

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### Richard Reilly, Mattapoisett Challenger

I am running for ORR School Committee for four reasons.

First, I am very concerned that our educational standards are slipping. One of my businesses, FME Technologies, conducts business throughout the world. I've discovered that U.S. students are having a tough time competing against international students for college entrance and job opportunities. A primary reason is because U.S. education has fallen behind. I want to do all I can to see to it that ORR School District has high educational standards so our graduates can compete in the global marketplace. Second, I want to be sure we are using our educational tax dollars efficiently. That means we must have budget accountability. As the owner of two businesses in town, I understand and know how to ensure we are spending our resources wisely. Third, I will work to encourage family involvement and increase the Bulldog Spirit in our schools. I believe that family involvement and transparency into the classroom and the curriculum



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is critical to high educational outcomes. Fourth, a safe and secure school must be taken as a high priority. Having served seven years in the Marine Corps and specializing in security, I look forward to helping achieve this as I have with my local Church. Finally, I am a 62-year resident of Mattapoisett, a graduate of ORR and an ORR Hall of Fame Inductee. My wife Melanie and I have three children, who went to ORR schools, and six grandchildren, two who are presently in our school system. ORRHS gave me a top-notch education that put me on a path to a successful career. I would like to give back to the community and school system that gave me and my family so much by serving on the ORR School Committee. I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, May 16. Thank you.

### Margaret McSweeney, Marion Incumbent

My name is Margaret McSweeney, and I am running for reelection to the ORR School Committee. I am a life-long resident of Marion and have served in my school committee role for the last three years. I have an M.A. in Education and have worked in both public and private schools in the area for more than 15 years. I am also a mother to three children and an active member of YWCA Southeastern MA and the Women's Alliance of Southeastern Massachusetts. In my role as school



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committee member, I serve on the ORR School Committee and the Joint School Committee. I am also a member of the Policy Subcommittee, the Tri-Town Education Foundation and a founding member of the Equity Subcommittee. I am running for reelection because I believe that it is important to be an active and engaged member of my community. I care deeply about the social and emotional health of young people, and I want to ensure the best educational outcomes for *all* students in our district. I want to continue to help create and maintain a safe, inclusive and equitable school system, one that celebrates diversity and condemns racism in all its forms. If reelected, I will continue to be a prepared, engaged and present school committee member, working collaboratively with my colleagues and listening to the needs and concerns of my constituents.

**Jennifer Marie-Zora Stewart, Marion Challenger**

My name is Jennifer Zora Stewart and I'm running for the ORR School Committee in Marion. ORR is special to me, and I want to give back to our future generations. I'm a 1997 graduate with a three-generation history within the school system. As a parent that pays very close attention, I feel it is time for change, and I want to offer our community a choice. I



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have identified three initial focuses: (1) School Safety and Security, (2) Family Communication and Transparency, (3) Education. School Safety and Security: We need to support our school resource officers and local police departments that keep our children safe and protected at school. We need to reevaluate safety among students. All students need to feel safe and free from any targeted harassment and intimidation. Family Communication and Transparency: On February 15, 2022, during the school committee meeting on unmasking, parents won't forget the three hours and the many initial "No" votes. The data was clear, yet students, teachers and parents were still not being heard. We need to remove politics from our schools. Our community has diverse ideas and beliefs.

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Unfortunately, politics have found their way into our classrooms creating distraction and friction. Education: A significant focus has been on Social Emotional Learning, meanwhile our Massachusetts standardized test scores are down. The honor roll needs to be brought back to Junior High. We need to help students focus on achieving their own academic excellence. In closing, I'm offering our community a choice for change. I'm a college graduate with a career as a Senior Registration manager. In my 16-plus years of experience, I have demonstrated my team-oriented skills. I'm an excellent problem solver, fast learner and trusted leader. I'm a parent to a 14-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son and I believe my most important job is being a mom. I feel parents and families know what is best for their children and should always have a voice when it comes to their children's education. Please help support me by voting in Marion on May 12. Thank you for your consideration!

*Editor's note: The Wanderer invited candidates in contested races (more candidates than open seats) to write up to 350 words explaining their candidacy for elected offices. The 2023 Marion Town Election will be held on Friday, May 12, the Mattapoisett Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, and the Rochester Town Election will be held on Wednesday, May 24. Mattapoisett and Marion candidates in contested races appear in today's Wanderer, and Rochester candidates will appear next week. Questions submitted by the League of Women Voters South Coast helped provide talking points for the candidates.*

### Mattapoisett Select Board

Three (3) candidates are on the Mattapoisett Town Election ballot for one (1) open seat on the Select Board.

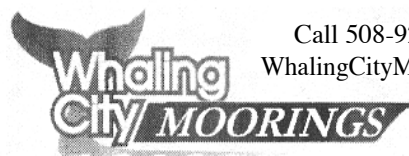
#### Tyler Macallister, Incumbent

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for the upcoming year. Since joining the Board in 2011, after almost six years on the Conservation Commission, a balanced budget has been presented annually to Town Meeting within the constraints of Proposition 2½. Simultaneously, the town has attained the highest possible rating, allowing for borrowing on capital projects at extremely low interest rates. Since 2013, 40% of our OPEB liability has been funded and seven new stabilization accounts established to soften the budgetary impacts on expenses that tend to fluctuate. The 10-year capital plan identifies timing of future projects coinciding with expiring debt, keeping borrowing levels stable. Within the next three years, I see the wharf restoration project completed. The waterfront and wharves at Shipyard Park are one of our greatest assets. I see a restored Ned's Point Light shining brightly under the care of the town. I see informed decisions made on larger-scale projects that are coming, including consolidation of Center and Old Hammondtown schools. The study is complete and public input will be sought soon. The largest component of Mattapoisett's population is over 55, yet the Council on Aging operates on one of the smallest budgets. I see the need for an expansion of the COA services, as more people tap this very valuable resource, and intend to get ahead of the curve. Ten years from now, I see a more modern Town Hall housing most departments so anyone can get their needs taken care in a single location. I see an expansion of affordable housing in cooperation with private developers who share similar vision. I hope others share some or all of my visions for the Mattapoisett. I may not have lived here all my life, but definitely call it home. I appreciate your support on May 16.

### Brian Connelly, Challenger

I have a fiscally conservative mindset and am moderate on non-financial issues. I was born and raised in Queens by my mother, who immigrated as a political refugee from Cuba. She instilled the values of hard work and education. My father, a proud Air Force veteran and engineer, engrained commitment to service and to take pride in figuring out how to solve complicated problems in creative ways. I



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**Ruth Oliver Jolliffe**  
Incumbent for  
Board of Library Trustees

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and understanding”



**William Coquillette**  
Candidate for  
Board of Library Trustees

“I want the library to  
provide Mattapoissett with  
free and full access to  
information and culture”

On **Election Day, Tuesday, May 16, 2023**, the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee encourages you to cast your vote for the best qualified candidates: **Frances-Feliz Kearns** for ORR School Committee and **Ruth Oliver Jolliffe** and **William Coquillette** for Board of Library Trustees.



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moved here in 2003 after studying Business Administration and Communications at Stonehill. My wife and I chose Mattapoisett to raise our two children, Caroline and Charlie; both came up through ORR schools. We love this special town that we all now call home. I was accepted to the FDNY in 2001 but declined to pursue a life in MA and career in Financial Services. I have earned multiple FINRA certifications for investment trading, focusing on client relationships, charitable trusts, bespoke investments, and international trust private wealth management. We later prioritized our family, and I stayed home with our children to play active roles at home and within our community. With time to volunteer within the kids' schools and the library, I also found time to pursue firefighting


again. Joining Mattapoisett Fire in 2016, I hold the rank of lieutenant. I helped secure a FEMA grant for the department's breathing apparatus, resulting in removal of a significant capital cost off a future fiscal year's budget. I also serve as vice president of our department's Firefighter Association and as a lead instructor for our Explorers program that teaches tri-town high schoolers fire-service operations and history. My interest in running is grounded in my commitment to serve this town objectively and without agendas and to support our community. I am interested in offering a fresh perspective to promote forward progress. This role is an extension of public service, facilitating the collective needs of our residents, while finding ways to fund these items in a prioritized, fiscally conservative manner. The continuance of stabilization funds, promoting sustained business growth and enhancing cost-saving measures will continue to help ease the rise of taxes for our residents.

### Catherine Heuberger, Challenger

For the last 18 years, I have been a dedicated public servant. I enjoy providing excellent service to all Mattapoisett residents. I believe that my local knowledge, experience and education make me the best candidate for Select Board. Mattapoisett is my hometown. My roots in the community run




deep. Both my husband and I were fortunate to be raised in this beautiful town. We chose to raise our son in the town we love. Our aging fathers and extended families live here as well. Since becoming town clerk, I have received my certifications from the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. In 2022, I completed the Local Government Leadership and Management Certificate Program from Suffolk University and the Massachusetts Municipal Association. I am currently enrolled in classes to obtain my Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official designation. When contemplating running for the Select Board, I asked the State Ethics Commission for a legal opinion. I was advised by the commission that there was no conflict in me running for and holding both elected offices. Since the conflict-of-interest law only applies to immediate family members, I would be able to vote on most matters without an issue. I would have to recuse myself from certain discussions regarding my salary and budget once elected. Mattapoisett is facing many challenges. The future of our aging town facilities, possible school consolidation, services for our growing senior population and affordable housing for the elderly and families are just a few of the issues facing us as a community. When considering these needs, I will work diligently to make sure your tax dollars are spent wisely. I have no personal agenda and no pet projects to advocate for. I am ready to serve and look out for the best interests of all residents and to be open-minded when making



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decisions concerning the future of Mattapoisett. I have the knowledge, experience and education to be a voice for all town residents. I look forward to serving on the Select Board. I humbly ask for your vote on May 16. Thank you!

### Trustees of Mattapoisett Public Library

*Editor's note: Three (3) candidates are on the Mattapoisett Town Election ballot for two (2) open seats on the Trustees of the Public Library.*

#### Ruth Oliver Jolliffe, Incumbent

I am Ruth Oliver Jolliffe, and I am running for reelection for trustee of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Books and libraries have been my lifelong interest. Before I retired, I was the associate director of a large, independent library in Boston. From that experience, I gained insight and knowledge into how libraries serve their communities well. During my tenure as a member of the Board of Trustees of the MFPL, I have come to know the staff, the library, and much of the Mattapoisett community it serves. The well-being of the town and especially the role of the Mattapoisett library in this town and beyond is of great importance to me. The library serves a wide community of people of all ages and



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interests, with not only a large collection of books and printed materials from on site and available from other libraries, but children's programs, cultural events, musical performances, fishing rods, games, art programs, etc. The library offers the opportunity for all to explore, to discover, and to learn. By continuing to increase our knowledge, we expand our horizons of enjoyment and understanding. I appreciate the vital role of trustees as overseers, working with management and staff to make the best decisions for the future. As a trustee of the Mattapoisett Library, I am honored to serve, to encourage, and to support the work of the library and its dedicated Director, Jennifer Jones. I look forward to continuing as a trustee. I hope I may count on your vote on election day, May 16, 2023.

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### Paul Criscuolo, Challenger

I'm Paul Criscuolo and I am seeking the office of Trustee of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. I am asking for your support and vote because I know that you believe, as I do, our library is a unique and treasured asset to our community. We all are familiar with the explosion of digital media and the decline of the "printed word." Whether we use a Kindle, a smart phone or iPad, the relevance of the traditional book is declining. I believe that decline is not correlated to the relevance of our library to our community. Our library is more than a collection of shelves filled with books. It "serves" the community in numerous ways beyond our common assumptions. It provides meeting space for many community organizations, reading groups on diverse topics, digital movies, film clubs, learning classes, resources for research and even a "Library of Things" that includes a ukelele and fishing poles. That list grows as our library team seeks new ways to enrich our community. I want to be a part of that effort. I have devoted a substantial portion of my life to volunteer community service. I bring an extensive background in organization and project management as a senior executive of three Fortune 100 sized enterprises. I am an avid reader and book collector (I like the paper ones!) Rhonda and I



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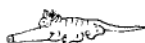
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have owned a home in Mattapoisett for 20 years. We have been full-time residents for the past five years. Rhonda's Mattapoisett roots begin with her grandparents' humble home on Mahoney's Lane. Her dad's name is proudly displayed on the Veterans of WWII sign in Town Hall. I envision this position as supporting and advising the director and her staff as they pursue the agenda they believe best serves our community. Our library is always in need of financial and community support. Books in every form must be bought and roofs repaired. If my service is of any value, it will be to convince my fellow citizens that, despite the digital phenomenon, our library is relevant, vibrant and a symbol of the best of Mattapoisett.

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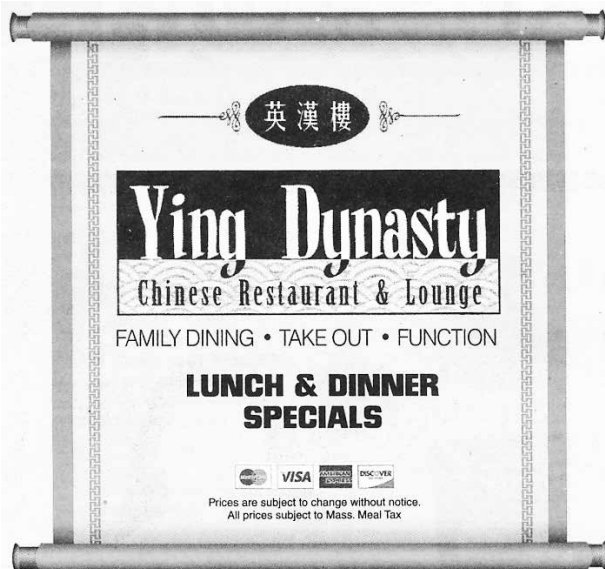
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### William Coquillette, Challenger

I seek to serve as a Library Trustee because: (1) I love the library and have a proven record of support for it, and (2) I feel my experience as a board member, business lawyer and leader will benefit the library. I currently serve as President of the Mattapoisett Library Trust, the nonprofit organization that raises funds to support special projects at the library. I have served on the trust for four years and was a member of the search committee for the current Director of the Library. Those experiences have



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given me valuable insight into the needs, challenges and opportunities of the library. I have many years of other experience on boards to contribute to the library as well. Currently I am co-president/board member of the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society, treasurer/board member of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path and clerk/board member of the Bay Club at Mattapoisett. I have led and served many other nonprofits over the years based on a desire to know and support my community. Professionally, I have led and served many for-profit boards for large and small companies. All of this board work has honed my skills in financial management and strategic planning, which will be important in guiding the library into the future. As a business lawyer, my job was to

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solve problems and bring people together to find common solutions. I believe in being practical, not ideological. I do my homework, listen to what others have to say, and work to create a consensus around key decisions. That's the approach I would bring as a library trustee. Finally, an important benefit of the library for me is the full and free access it gives me to the information and culture of the world. I believe the library should be inclusive and respectful of all. My overall goal as library trustee would be to work constructively with others to help make the library the best asset it can be for all of the citizens of Mattapoisett.

### Nips Stay, Dog Waste Goes

*Mattapoisett Town Meeting*

**By Marilou Newell**

Before Town Meeting began on May 8, the Mattapoisett Select Board held a brief meeting which included recasting a vote taken on April 20.

The vote was for the Select Board's support of Article 1 Elected Officials' Compensation, contained therein, a \$7,500 raise for the Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer. It was later determined that since Select Board member Jodi Bauer should have recused herself as a family member, the board recast the vote on this night with Bauer recusing herself. The support of Article 1 by the board remained in place.

Included in the Article were increases to the Town Meeting moderator up to \$290 from \$282, Select Board chairman \$5,945 up from \$5,829, Select Board members \$5,358 up from \$5,253, town clerk \$75,000 up from \$71,400, Board of Health members \$692 up from \$678, Highway surveyor \$75,000 up from \$71,400, Mattapoisett School Committee members \$692 up from \$678, Water/Sewer commissioners \$692 up from \$678, Tree Warden \$10,500 up from \$10,083 and Herring Inspector \$988 up from \$968.

Article 2 General Operating Budget \$31,691,197 was moved with nary a comment. Town Administrator Mike Lorencio presented an overview of the ballot and the budget in a video that was posted on the town's website in the days leading up to the meeting.

The Warrant contained 31 articles, spanning a wide variety of topics from routine financial matters to whether



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or not to ban nip-sized alcohol bottles, seen by many as a source of mounting roadside litter.

Article 29 was a dog-waste removal imperative that sought to amend the town's General Bylaws by making dog walkers and owners in default if they didn't have a means to collect their dog's waste from public spaces. That motion passed with 77 for and 37 against. When the Select Board was queried on who and how the expanded bylaw would be upheld, the answer was "by the dog officer."

During the course of the meeting, debate sprang up with Article 17 CPA Funding for the Florence Eastman Legion Post 280. The grant application requested \$42,000 for necessary ADA improvement to the historic former Pine Island School built in 1837. Several voters including outgoing Finance Committee member Pat Donoghue questioned why the town should be investing in a structure it had no material interest in, no benefit to the town's coffers. Committee Chairman Chuck McCullough said, "... because it's for the veterans."

Legion member Ray Andrews, who has been the point person for the Legion's effort to receive financial support for much needed updates, said that the Legion would be willing to join the town in negotiations to convey the building or give the town the right of first refusal should the Legion need to close due to lack of active members. Article 17 was moved 184 in favor and three opposing.

Another article garnering considerable effort before being voted down was the elimination of nip-sized alcohol bottles – Ban of Sales of NIPS. Sponsored by Don Cuddy (citizen petition), who said that the prevalence of the bottles littering the roadways has increased over the years and, as an avid runner, sees the bottles not so much as a nuisance but as a commentary on human behavior. Cuddy said changing behavior wouldn't be feasible, thus taking away the irritant might be best. He urged the voters to stop the sale of nips, a move he believed would result in fewer bottles being tossed out car windows.

Speaking in opposition to the proposed ban was local liquor store owner Dan Lima, who said that only nine communities in all of the commonwealth have enacted such a ban, the result not diminishing the quantity of litter.

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8:30 AM You and Your Health  
9:00 AM A Conversation With...  
9:30 AM Arts Alive  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Auto Sense  
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:30 AM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society  
2:30 PM Oral History - Cynthia Bryden  
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM This is America & The World  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Andrew Lloyd Webber  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday May 12, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body  
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Cape Conversations  
11:30 AM A Conversation With...  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck

McIntyre  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Off the Shelf  
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
3:30 PM This is America and the World  
4:00 PM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
5:00 PM FORM Instrumental Concert  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Marion Art Center - The Importance of Being Earnest  
7:45 PM Sippican Historical Society - 19th Century American Landscapes  
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World  
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday May 13, 2023

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
9:00 AM Health Source  
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM A Conversation With...  
11:00 AM Auto Sense  
11:30 AM Science 360  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society  
2:30 PM Oral History - Sue Tiff  
3:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling  
3:30 PM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:00 PM South Coast Matters  
4:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
5:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies on the Southcoast  
6:00 PM Cape Conversations  
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
9:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern MA  
9:30 PM Registers Report  
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 14, 2023

6:00 AM Health Source  
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show  
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:35 PM Sippican Historical Society  
2:00 PM Oral History - Sue Tiff  
2:25 PM Sippican Historical Society - Butterflies of Southeastern MA  
3:30 PM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
5:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA  
9:30 PM This is America & The World  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday May 15, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM You and Your Health  
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:00 AM A Conversation With...  
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
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and Today  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
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9:30 PM Building the Future  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday May 16, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body  
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM The Collective Chat  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Arts Alive  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World  
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA  
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling  
7:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday May 17, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind

and Body  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:00 PM Auto Sense  
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard  
4:00 PM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern MA  
5:30 PM Building the Future  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
7:30 PM Registers Report  
8:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism  
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
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10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
11:00 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee  
12:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
1:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee  
2:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
3:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
4:30 PM Marion School Committee  
7:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
8:30 PM ORR Budget Public Hearing  
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
11:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission

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10:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
11:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeal  
12:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
2:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
3:30 PM ORR Budget Public Hearing  
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
5:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
8:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
10:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
11:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen

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7:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee  
9:00 AM ORR Budget Public Hearing  
10:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Old Colony National Honor Society Ceremony  
1:00 PM Old Colony TV  
1:30 PM Old Colony - Mr. Cougar  
3:30 PM ORR/JHS Guppy Tank  
4:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
4:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs. Seekonk  
6:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs. Martha's Vineyard  
7:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police  
8:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs. Apponequet  
9:30 PM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR  
11:30 PM Old Colony Drama - Shakespeare on the Green

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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis

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A deposit on the tiny offenders might help, he offered, but what would result is a 20% drop in sales.

"This will have no impact on littering and will put more pressure on businesses," said Lima, noting that there is legislation creeping through the state and that towns should wait to see what happens with those efforts. "Let the state fix the problem." Lima presented a list of some 600 signatures from customers in favor of no ban on nip sales. It was not confirmed that the signatures were from Mattapoisett residents. Article 30 was defeated, 83 opposed and 49 in favor.

Another citizen petition submitted by Russel Chase, Article 31 Exit Agreement for Landfill Solar, asked voters to "move that the Town vote to encourage the Select Board to enter into negotiations with NEXAMP, Inc., to exit the unsigned agreement to place a (photo-voltaic) system on the landfill."

Original plans included the development of a solar array on the capped landfill located on North Street for the purposes of generating energy for the municipality's use. Chase suggested that an understanding between solar vender NEXAMP and the town would not generate revenue, monies the town could benefit from.

"We can do it ourselves," said Chase, asserting that the development of a town-owned system would save Mattapoisett \$1,000,000 per year and would be paid for in just three years.

But issues between the state and utilities such as

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Tough Old Coot

By Rob Gonsalves  
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**Sisu.** Starring Jorma Tammila and Aksel Hennie. Directed by Jalmari Helander. Running time: 91 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

Here, perhaps a month early, is the Nazi-bashing action flick we've been waiting for. *Sisu* may not be as nostalgically nourishing as the upcoming Indiana Jones coda, but it's certainly gorier, with a properly sadistic sense of humor about the various grisly ways in which Nazis beef it. Named after the Finnish expression for grit in the face of overwhelming odds (among other things), *Sisu* is refreshingly simple. A Finnish gold prospector, Aatami Korpi (Jorma Tammila), discovers a rich deposit and stows the heavy nuggets in his backpack. Korpi gets waylaid by some retreating Nazi soldiers, who steal his gold. Korpi, though, has a reputation as a hardy and merciless fighter — he's dubbed Koschei, or "the immortal." Korpi wants his gold back and the Nazis dead.

Is Korpi actually immortal? He gets shot, hanged, bashed around, and generally ill-treated, but he keeps on ticking. He's been compared to Rambo, but is possibly closer to a slasher icon like Jason. The movie remembers how much uncomplicated fun it is to root for an unstoppable bad-ass against Nazis, who are not humanized in the slightest here other than a motivational speech given by their leader (Aksel Hennie), who sees the writing on the wall. The Nazis will lose and they will be hanged, but Korpi's gold might buy them a way out. But even this Nazi is a cold cod, calculating and brutal. He may be shrewder than the others, but writer-director Jalmari Helander doesn't warm to him. He's a Nazi and must die.

Which isn't really a spoiler, not in a movie like this. We go to *Sisu* to see our guy wreck shop on a bunch of fascists, and he does. Korpi also has a dog, but you shouldn't worry about him. In general, Helander wants us in a chipper mood as the hero sets about his mission. There's a group of captive Finnish women in one of the Nazi tanks, and we gather they are there for the same reason Sean Penn kidnapped a Vietnamese girl in *Casualties of War*, but the movie doesn't rub our faces in their suffering. Soon enough,



these women recognize Korpi not as their savior but as their inspiration, and Helander gives them a heroic widescreen shot worthy of Tarantino. Mess around with the Finnish, the movie says, and find out.

The action is absorbing and easily readable; the kills are, almost without exception, fierce and gory. The carnage isn't unpleasant, because it's mostly visited upon Nazis; it's not long before we figure out that whatever damage Korpi takes isn't going to slow him down much. And one Nazi comeuppance in particular is engineered to get a full-throated audience response, and likely has. *Sisu* is enjoyable but a bit thin. I liked it, but it is what is and that's all it is. Which is fine, but the same down-to-business aesthetic that gives us a cracking action flick in 90 minutes also doesn't have much time to fill out its characters, even the heroic ones. There's one among the Finnish women who seems braver than the others, but we learn nothing about her, and scarcely more about Korpi himself.

Maybe we should have been made to worry about the dog after all. Korpi seems at least to *like* the dog, and that makes him relatable. And maybe Helander is like me and wants to watch a fun movie without having a panic attack over whether a dog is going to snuff it. So if I were making this movie, I'd do the same, and as a dog aficionado watching the movie, I approve, but as a critic I gotta say taking the dog fully out of the equation leaves us with *nothing* to worry about as regards Korpi. He's immortal, and apparently so is his dog. (Horse lovers, though, might want to give *Sisu* a wide berth.) He has no flaws, no weaknesses, nothing his enemy can use against him. You just wind him up and point him at the Nazis and watch him chew his way through them. Even Indy was afraid of snakes.



Eversource were touched on when Select Board member Tyler Macallister addressed the voters. "Do we want to own and operate a solar array?" Macallister asked. He said that the solar array on Crystal Springs Road is at least four years out. "They don't have the land."

Chase said that although he probably wouldn't be around to see the project implemented, he believes it is a better deal for the town as a revenue source. Article 31 was moved, 53 to 40.

All other articles were moved as written, except Article 26, which was found to have a small typographical error that was fixed on the Town Meeting floor, and Article 25, which was withdrawn. Article 25 would have asked voters to establish a cemetery commission for Hammond and Barlow cemeteries. It was discovered that to do so also required a ballot question. Lorenzo said it will be placed on the next election ballot.

### **CPA Funding Impact Disputed**

*Marion Annual Town Meeting*

**By Mick Colageo**

While the FY24 Operating Budget and Water and Sewer Enterprise funds garnered relatively routine voter approval, projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee drew the lion's share of citizen commentary extending Marion's Annual Town Meeting to nearly two hours.

The spring-season meeting, held on Monday night at Sippican Elementary School, saw all 34 articles of the Warrant carry, albeit some only after substantial discussion.

Articles 8-21 were all related to Community Preservation Act funding as recommended by Marion's CPC, which met on several occasions to vet, sift and otherwise shape and condition proposals in accordance with its mission.

Resident Jonathan Henry, who has a long-standing involvement in Marion's municipal government, took issue with the Finance Committee's abiding stance of "no recommendation" on CPC articles, especially as they cite "no financial impact."

Henry's emerging question was where does the money come from? He knew the answer but insisted taxpayers attending Town Meeting have it spelled out for them. In Marion, CPA funds are generated by a 2% surcharge on property tax after the first \$100,000 of valuation. The state matches 25% of the funding.

Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad explained that CPC articles, being general appropriations made on an annual basis as dictated by law, pose no financial impact in the context of one year versus another.

"This is all very murky," said Henry. "We're appropriating money, and we're entitled to know where it's coming from."

Marion Finance Director Judy Mooney said the only way to change the impact is to vote to wipe out the CPC, something that was not on Town Meeting floor.

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"It's not carte blanche ... without the deliberation or exposition ... it's not clear. ... It needs to be improved," argued Henry.

Resident Andrew Santos asked for the fund's balance prior to FY24 appropriations and asked if the plan is to use it all. According to Select Board Chairman Randy Parker, the CPC has never emptied the account which, at one point, had \$1,000,000 in it.

Finance Committee member Peter Winters noted that he was among those who at one point attempted to institute a "sunset" plan, but the measure failed.

"If we want to cease the fund or change the amount of the surtax, we should take action to do that. That's why there's no financial impact, because we made that decision long ago," said Assad.

More CPC-related articles, including \$26,928 to enhance school-based gardens featuring the one at Sippican School and \$75,000 for four pickleball courts on a Point Road tennis court that has fallen into disrepair, received comments but carried.

The FY24 operating budget of \$27,516,635 (Article 2), a 4.6% increase over FY23, was approved without dissent, as were Water (\$2,494,655, a 2.83% increase) and Sewer (\$3,620,404, a 2.79% increase) Enterprise funds (Articles 3 and 4.)

Mooney explained that public safety went up 5.5%, due in part to Sippican School's new patrol and the effects of statewide police reform the Harbormaster Department.

Developer Sherman Briggs asked how the town plans to make up the deficit from Marion Village Estates. Town Administrator Geoff Gorman said the town has started the

next round of discussion of Water/Sewer rates with the Select Board and that the Capital Improvements Planning Committee would be the next step. Briggs noted that the town just lost an appeal case that will allow Steen Realty to install 60 water meters at Marion Village Estates. He projected the outcome will result in a shortfall between \$120,000 and \$160,000 in lost revenue per year.

Asked to explain Item 210 Police Cruiser, Chief of Police Richard Nighelli told the meeting that historically, the Police Department purchased a cruiser annually or, in some cases, two cruisers every three years, triggered by a mileage threshold when it becomes cost effective to trade it in or declare it surplus equipment.

Asked if the department was considering an electric-powered cruiser, Nighelli said, "No."

Alanna Nelson, a member of Marion's Energy Management Committee, went to the microphone and simply asked, "Why not?"

Nighelli said the department has ordered two hybrid cruisers within the past three years. "It worked out well, but I don't know if we want to go any further with the hybrid," he said, citing complications with the retrofitting of aftermarket equipment. "We're not totally opposed, but don't have equipment." Nighelli also noted that when he had looked into a solar-powered carport, he was told that was not an "advantageous" project.

Included was Marion's acceptance of the Old Rochester Regional FY24 \$5,274,891 assessment, ORR's capital stabilization fund, Upper Cape Tech's \$466,078 assessment and capital stabilization fund. Mooney explained the 28% increase in the FY24 UCT assessment is mainly driven by five

## OBITUARIES



**Peter "P.J." Oleson Jr.**, 35, of Mattapoisett, died unexpectedly on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Born in Boston, son of Peter and Beth (Dunn) Oleson, he was raised in Sudbury and lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

Growing up in Sudbury is where P.J.'s love of fishing and hockey began. He moved the summer before his freshman year to Mattapoisett. He was a graduate of ORR High School class of 2006. He attended Bridgewater State College leaving to pursue his automotive passion. Where he excelled and graduated from Universal Technical Institute. P.J. worked as a Senior Master Technician for Ford, most recently working for Grieco Ford in Raynham. P.J.'s loves included drag racing at New England Dragway in Epping, New Hampshire, building his own Mustang and spending time with his labs. He was a lifelong New England Sports fan, especially of the New England Patriots. P.J. loved winter snow storms and plowing for Consider It Dunn. P.J. was a devoted uncle and best friend to his father.

Survivors include his parents; his girlfriend, Laura Venturini; his sisters Courtney Aarsheim and her husband Eric, and Kate Oleson both of Mattapoisett; his nieces Kenzie and Rylan; his nephew Gavin; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

His Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, May 11 at 10 am in St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. All are invited to meet directly at Church. His visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 10th from 4-8 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in memory of PJ to the Herren Project at P.O. Box 131, Portsmouth, RI, 02871 or online at [www.herrenproject.org/donate](http://www.herrenproject.org/donate) or the Charles River Center, 59 East Militia Heights Drive, Needham, MA 02492 for the Sharon House at 101 North Main Street, Sharon, MA 02067.

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Rick Plunkett throws out the first pitch in memory of his son Ryan Plunkett, for whom the Old Rochester Youth Baseball League has commemorated a new award going to the league's best pitcher. Rick Plunkett is also pictured with Rochester Police Officer Austin Alves, who was Ryan Plunkett's catcher when the two played together on the A's of the ORYB Major League. Alves recalled a home run Ryan Plunkett hit over the left-field wall that got caught up in the top of the batting cage at Gifford Park. "He threw an outstanding heater," said Alves. A plaque presented on Saturday morning to Rick and Maureen Plunkett during Opening Day ceremonies will be on display at the park. Photos by Mick Colageo



Board Members of the Sippican Woman's Club at its Luncheon/Annual Meeting and election of officers at The Bay Club. From left, front row: Mary Verni, V.P. Property Management reelected for an additional three-year term; Jeanne Bruen, Historian. Back row: Priscilla Bradley, secretary r-elected for an additional three-year term; Deborah Bush, Publicity; Ellen Johnston, Hospitality/Sunshine; Joanne Petrie, Assistant Treasurer; Lee Williamson, treasurer; Kathleen Tibbitts, president. Not pictured: Lorraine Charest, V.P. Programming; Carolyn Kenney, First V.P. Fundraising and Janet Reinhart, webmaster. For information about the club, please see our new website [www.sippicanwomensclub.org](http://www.sippicanwomensclub.org).

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Article 7 Capital projects at \$2,879,536 (\$2,042,536 from Free Cash, \$287,000 from Water retained earnings and \$550,000 from Sewer retained earnings) were scrutinized by residents, but the article carried.

Briggs revisited his long-held argument for better oversight of the Creek Road Water main Replacement, for which \$120,000 has been budgeted for FY24. He also addressed the Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) project, comparing Marion's FY24 investment of \$200,000 to using a paint brush to tackle the Bourne Bridge. "The system is over 50 years old ... we've already had a scare with the force main that let go. ... We really have to step up the process to maintain this system," he said.

Resident Manny DeCosta said he sought out Department of Public Works engineer Meghan Davis to discuss Point Road drainage issues and insisted he has ideas for solutions that "are extremely less costly."

Gorman clarified that the \$111,600 in the FY24 budget is earmarked for engineering estimates. "When going to bid, the price we don't know. We wanted to make sure we had enough money to do it," he said. "Kicking the can down the road is going to make things more expensive next year."

Addressing the \$1,200,000 Fire Ladder Truck, resident William Washburn asked if anybody has approached Tabor Academy "to see if they were willing to throw a little in." Gorman said no but that he would be "more than happy to have that conversation."



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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Rochester Historical Commission Chairperson Connie Eshbach and Tri-Town Veterans Service Officer Chris Gerrior were among speakers as the Town of Rochester dedicated a Revolutionary War memorial in front of Town Hall on May 7. Photos by Mick Colageo



Two bald eagles by the river. Photo courtesy of Ellen Scholter



Photo by Jen Shepley

Many thanks to Blake Dinius, entomologist with the Plymouth County Extension Service. We had a chance to learn something about the role insects play in the animal kingdom and had fun catching some interesting examples of our native pollinators. The museum is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesday and Friday, and our summer programs are up on the museum website: [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org). Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold

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Article 28 applies the Mullin Rule to all boards, commissions and committees, whereas up until now, only the Planning Board had afforded its members the latitude to miss a single session of a public hearing and not lose their eligibility to deliberate and vote on such a case.

Requiring a two-thirds majority vote, Article 32 easily passed but with a few nays after residents commented on the authority the Select Board now has "to sell or transfer any taxation possession property held by the Town."

The Marion Town Election will be held on Friday, May 12, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Cushing Community Center on Route 6.

### **Town Counsel Seeks More Information in Job Dispute**

*Rochester Personnel Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Does the Rochester Select Board have the right to eliminate one of the new, better-paying job classifications that the Personnel Board was formed to create?

A week after the Select Board did just that regarding an Executive Assistant position that was proposed for the FY24 budget, Rochester Personnel Board Chairman Adam Murphy on Monday afternoon posed the important question to Town Counsel labor expert Jane Medeiros Friedman.

Friedman said, unfortunately, she didn't know enough about the circumstances surrounding the matter to provide an immediate answer.

Murphy concluded he will have to email her the specifics to get her answer, but not before exploring the scope of the problem. "Can the Board of Selectmen hand select and strike out our reclassification vote?" he asked.

Friedman responded that it depends on whose control the position falls under and other details.

Murphy pointed out the Executive Assistant position is a reclassification of a job that already exists and is already occupied by a town employee. It is one of two existing positions that the Personnel Board reclassified because of evolving job duties that were undercompensated. The other job, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board, Murphy noted, was not similarly eliminated from the FY24 budget, and he found that strange.

At a May 1 meeting, Select Board members Woody Hartley and Brad Morse argued no one had discussed the plan for the new position with them in advance, and they wanted more time and needed more funding than budgeted to consider a new job that would be under the Select Board's jurisdiction.

Murphy said then that the new Personnel Board's mission is to categorize job descriptions to be financially compensated in a like manner. Now someone will keep doing the duties in the Executive Assistant job description for less compensation.

At the May 8 meeting, Friedman said she needed more information before offering an opinion.

After the meeting, Murphy acknowledged that the

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- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Pawkechatt Way – Burglar alarm
- Hammett's Cove – Disabled vessel
- Point Rd – Animal control
- Mill St – MV complaint
- Sherman's Way – Animal complaint
- Field Stone Ln – General service
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Field Stone Ln – Officer wanted
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- River Rd – MV stop/citation
- Mill St – General offense
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln – General service
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Spring St – MV collision
- Point Rd – Larceny/past
- Cove's End Rd – Paper service
- Field Stone Ln – Follow up
- Joanne Dr – Identity theft
- Mill St – Found property
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Dexter Ln – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Way – Fraud

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights April 30-May 6

- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- Park St – 911 call
- Beach Rd – General service
- Acushnet Rd – Officer wanted
- Long Plain Rd – General service
- Acushnet Rd – Stolen property
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Briar Rd – Suspicious persons
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Marion Rd - Threats
- Oakland St – Animal control
- Long Plain Rd – MV lockout
- Grand View Ave – Medical assist
- Massasoit Way – Medical assist
- Brookside Dr – General service
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Pine Island Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Pine Wood Way – 911 call
- Beach Rd – Assist citizen
- Brookside Dr – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Knollwood Dr – Peace officer
- Water St – MV violations
- Marion Rd - Threats
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Barstow St - Disturbance
- Sherwood Ave – Animal control

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights April 30-May 6

- Mattapoisett Rd – MV stop/citation
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Road hazard
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Follow up
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Featherbed Ln – General service
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Hartley Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Follow up
- Paradise Ln – Noise complaint
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Dr Braley Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- County Rd - Fraud
- Dexter Ln – Well being check
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Kings Hwy - Assault
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln - Threats
- Marion Rd - Investigation
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/towed
- Burgess Ave – Suspicious activity/
- Marion Rd – Firearms violation
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV collision
- Alley Rd – 911 call
- Perrys Ln – 911 call
- Hartley Rd – Animal control

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, May 15:** Chicken stew w/egg noodles, oatmeal roll, Mandarin oranges

**Tuesday, May 16:** Shepard's pie, glazed carrots, multigrain roll, chocolate chip cookie, diet: graham cookie

**Wednesday, May 17:** Spring vegetable soup, barbecue chicken, rice medley, whole wheat roll, banana

**Thursday, May 18:** Pork lo mein, Asian vegetable blend, dinner roll, peaches

**Friday, May 19:** Filet o' fish sandwich, tartar sauce, potato wedges, hot German slaw, hamburger bun, pears

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, May 15:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw

**Tuesday, May 16:** Chicken & rice bowl, tortilla chips, salsa

**Wednesday, May 17:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, May 18:** Creamy chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, warm breadstick, carrot sticks

**Friday, May 19:** Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, May 15:** Cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges

**Tuesday, May 16:** Chicken & rice bowl, tortilla chips, salsa

**Wednesday, May 17:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, May 18:** American chop suey, warm breadstick, savory green beans

**Friday, May 19:** Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, May 15:** Chicken bacon ranch sub, oven baked French fries, broccoli salad

**Tuesday, May 16:** Chicken & rice

fajita bowl, tortilla chips, salsa

**Wednesday, May 17:** Warm ham, egg, & cheese breakfast sandwich, tator tots, orange smiles

**Thursday, May 18:** Creamy chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, warm breadstick

**Friday, May 19:** Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served warm w/ marinara sauce, pasta salad

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, May 15:** Grilled chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, broccoli salad

**Tuesday, May 16:** Zesty orange chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

**Wednesday, May 17:** Warm ham, egg, & cheese breakfast sandwich, tator tots, orange smiles

**Thursday, May 18:** American chop suey, warm breadstick, savory green beans

**Friday, May 19:** Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, May 15:** Chicken bacon ranch sub, oven baked French fries, broccoli salad

**Tuesday, May 16:** BBQ beef on a bulky roll, onion rings, BBQ baked beans

**Wednesday, May 17:** Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, May 18:** Creamy chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, warm breadstick

**Friday, May 19:** Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, May 15:** Tacos, salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans in a taco shell or over rice

**Tuesday, May 16:** Chicken nuggets, fries & bread

**Wednesday, May 17:** American chop suey & garlic bread

**Thursday, May 18:** Hot dog & fries

**Friday, May 19:** Assorted pizza

Executive Assistant position could be reinserted into the town budget that will be voted by citizens on the May 22 Town Meeting floor. "A citizen could do that," he said.

Murphy declined to say whether he himself would make that motion. "That's not a fair question," he said. "That will not be my role."

The Personnel Board set its next meeting for Thursday, June 1, at 5:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

## Stone Rooster Receives Negative Determination

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Mick Colageo**

Stone Rooster Realty Corporation LLC received a Negative Box 2 and 3 Determination of Applicability for construction of a retaining wall and front-entrance stoop with an ADA-accessible ramp at 27 Wareham Street, as voted by the Marion Conservation Commission during its April 26 public meeting.

After Representative Sam Iamele of JC Engineering, Inc., summarized the project during the public hearing, Conservation Commission Chairman Jeff Doubrava requested that the construction debris piled up "pretty close to the wetlands" be moved "real soon."

Jonathan and Jill Castle were voted an Amended Order of Conditions to raze a house at 406 Point Road and install a new septic system, including denitrification technology.

Representative Rick Charon explained that the applicant's last request for an amended Order of Conditions based on structural issues has been superseded by the discovery that portions of the underpinnings of the rest of the two-story portion of the house are missing.

"How that happened, I don't know, but bottom line is the project needed to be rethought, and they took down the two-story portion of the house and decided to completely rebuild. I think this came as a shock to everybody," said Charon.

The commissioners voted to approve a letter drafted by Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee to the owner of property at 21 East Avenue regarding planting landward of the seawall at the address. Guey-Lee said the letter will go out with the permits for their project.

Laurence and Jane Reinhart were voted an "Invalid Certificate of Compliance" as the work approved at 13 East Avenue was never performed.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission was not announced.

## Hobby Barn Proposed

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday informally reviewed a plan to construct a 20,000-square-foot building on New Bedford Road to restore, detail and store collectible cars.

Project engineer Bill Madden explained Briggs Hobby Barn is being built by Mark and Ashley Briggs for personal



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and not commercial use on a 10.9-acre parcel that was once the Gibbs Farm. A 20-foot-wide driveway will provide access from New Bedford Road, and the front gate will be 80 feet back from the road so large vehicles will not be halfway in the road when entering.

Screening and fencing will surround the property, said Madden. The latter will be a 4-inch cedar post fence on one side and a black-coated wire fence on the other. All water drainage will remain on site. The garage-like building will have four "man doors," eight garage doors and an upstairs mezzanine and observatory.

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson said the one thing missing from Madden's paperwork so far is the spec sheet on the wall and lighting plan. Madden said that will

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7 Playmate for Spot  
11 Fed. loan agency  
14 The — & the Papas  
19 Greek Muse of astronomy  
20 Take way too much of, for short  
21 That lady  
22 Scarlett of Tara  
23 Equipping a ranch with light, horse-drawn vehicles?  
26 Anatomical sacs  
27 Playa — Rey  
28 Qatari capital  
29 Brie exposed to heat?  
31 Cooing bird wearing fancy duds?  
34 Port in Iraq  
35 "I'm — loss"  
36 Dark film style  
37 Forest cats  
41 Bar brew  
43 Months before Oct.  
45 Pre-Q queue  
47 Prez Lincoln  
48 Furrier John Jacob —

- 50 Safe sword  
52 Question about one's relentless following skills?  
56 Thinks alike  
59 Sch. in the Nutmeg State  
60 Saturated  
61 Royal daughter who always moves with short, quick motions?  
66 Berlin article  
69 Effortless  
70 Prefix with chic or tourist  
71 Love-letter "hugs"  
72 Cab  
73 Indigo, e.g.  
74 Goose flocks making people chuckle?  
81 Suffix with event or context  
82 Wove rattan into  
83 Tire marks  
84 Big brown beast seeking handouts of salmon?  
90 Steak or ham  
91 — Claire (magazine)  
92 Berlin article

- 93 Cellar, in ads  
95 Makes accused  
99 Tooth doctor's org.  
100 Expectant father  
103 Latin I verb  
105 Fore and —  
106 Way to pack fresh fish  
109 Heroic American spy's petty bargaining?  
112 Whopper dropped in water?  
116 — about (around)  
117 British islet  
118 City in central Florida  
119 Dancing woman's moves?  
123 Suppressed  
124 Lyric poem  
125 Discontinues  
126 Money, informally  
127 Filled cookies  
128 Abel, to Eve  
129 Sing like Ella  
130 Neighbor of Colombia

### DOWN

- 1 Wipe  
2 Very learned  
3 Disparity in work pay

- 4 Children's author Madeleine L'—  
5 Abbr. for a handyperson  
6 Refused the request  
7 Blast from a lighthouse  
8 Pet collar attachment  
9 Homer  
10 "Be right there"  
11 Carpet style  
12 Big icy chunk  
13 Gls' force  
14 Coffee flavor  
15 "Now I remember"  
16 Italian sports car  
17 Cultural exhibition hall  
18 Encl. with a manuscript  
24 "Can't, I'm already late"  
25 Diminish  
30 "MacGyver" network  
31 Faux — (slip)  
32 Without assurance of payment  
33 Disappear as if by magic  
38 On the — (hiding out)  
39 Kobe sash

- 40 Rock singer Nugent  
42 Bit of work  
44 Itty-bitty  
46 "Wow, neat!"  
48 Gets mature  
49 Cpl.'s boss  
51 Austin-to-Houston dir.  
53 Dir. opposite  
51-Down  
54 Santa — winds  
55 Be a debtor  
56 Impersonated  
57 Silver-haired  
58 Increase  
59 Gp. patrolling shores  
62 Division: Abbr.  
63 Errand runners  
64 Top Olympic medal  
65 Mauna —  
66 Info to input  
67 Chopped down  
68 Knights, e.g.  
72 Eta-iota link  
74 Look intently  
75 Wholly  
76 Heart chart, in brief  
77 — AFTRA (showbiz union)  
78 Due to wagering  
79 Sport — (off-roader)

- 80 Good egg rating  
81 Israeli weapon  
84 ABC a.m. show, for short  
85 Police vehicle  
86 Reagan-era scandal  
87 Positive vote  
88 Auction offer  
89 Doc treating sinusitis  
90 Ski resort in S. Vermont  
94 Most ogreish  
96 Cartoon gorilla of 1960s TV  
97 Lions, 49ers or Steelers  
98 Canonized Fr. woman  
100 Cotillion gal  
101 "That's — haven't heard!"  
102 — & Noble  
104 Scampi food  
107 Inuit dwelling  
108 Greenish-blue colors  
110 Accord maker  
111 Be choked by  
112 Merely OK  
113 Sci-fi vehicles  
114 Overhaul  
115 Fed. agents  
120 U.S. "Ltd."  
121 — long way  
122 — Na Na

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) That sometimes contrarian Arian streak emerges and could affect an important decision. Try to keep your mind open to the possibilities, even if they currently seem remote.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It could be a long wait before you get an answer to a question involving financial matters. Meanwhile, check on other interesting possibilities.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding shouldn't keep you from continuing to work. Pursue a reconciliation with someone who really cares. Talk it out before you consider walking out.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Exercise some discipline -- don't keep changing your mind. An upcoming decision requires that you stay focused on the direction you need to follow.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Although family matters take up much of your time these days, you still need to deal with important workplace issues. Try to balance both obligations wisely.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your on-the-job problems appear close to being resolved. Now, make time to repair those personal relationships that you might have ignored for too long.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Someone might suddenly balk at fulfilling an important agreement. There could be a hidden reason that you'll need to uncover before you take this to arbitration.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A friend seeks to confide a secret, knowing it will be safe with you. But, given your friend's history, you might not want to know what you'll be told.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your new "self-improvement" course will continue to hit bumps in the road until you start shedding those unnecessary loads you've toted for too long.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A decision to move to a new home needs to be delayed until you have accurate reports about its condition. Rely on facts, not assurances.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations! Your good work is beginning to pay off. Reward yourself. Take some much-needed rest and recreation time with loved ones.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments isn't always wise. Build your self-esteem on your own worthy achievements, and don't rely on others to tell you how good you are.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** People who meet you want to get to know you better, but you tend to be difficult to please when it comes to forming friendships.

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come Thursday. He said that is when he will file the plan's formal application. He noted that day is also when he will visit the Zoning Board of Appeals for that panel's review of the project.

Prior to that review, the Planning Board approved the draft decision permitting the large-scale solar array planned for 13.7 acres of the rear parking lot at Rochester Memorial School.

Before the vote, Johnson questioned if the proper safeguards were in place for when the 2023-24 school year starts. The developer, Solest Energy Development, previously told the board it needs to do some of the construction after students will have begun classes. Solest representative Steven Gregory, attending the meeting via Zoom, noted the board has received a site plan showing how the construction work staging area will be fenced off during school hours.

Johnson said the board will have to refer this plan to the town's public safety personnel for their review. The Planning Board nonetheless approved the project permit and the Groundwater Protection District permit.

In other action, the board responded to a Notice of Intent to sell Chapter 61A agricultural and horticultural land for residential use off of Mary's Pond Road by recommending the Select Board not exercise its right to purchase the property held under 61A regulations.

The Planning Board's next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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### **RMS Says No to School Choice**

*Rochester School Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

Up until now, Rochester Memorial School has not been a School Choice destination, and it will remain that way for the 2023-24 academic year after the Rochester School Committee voted against joining the program after its May 4 public hearing.

When the committee deliberated, Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson explained how the School Choice program has worked in Mattapoisett and ORR districts.

Enrollment is a factor, and Nelson deferred to RMS Principal Derek Medeiros, who said the school has been



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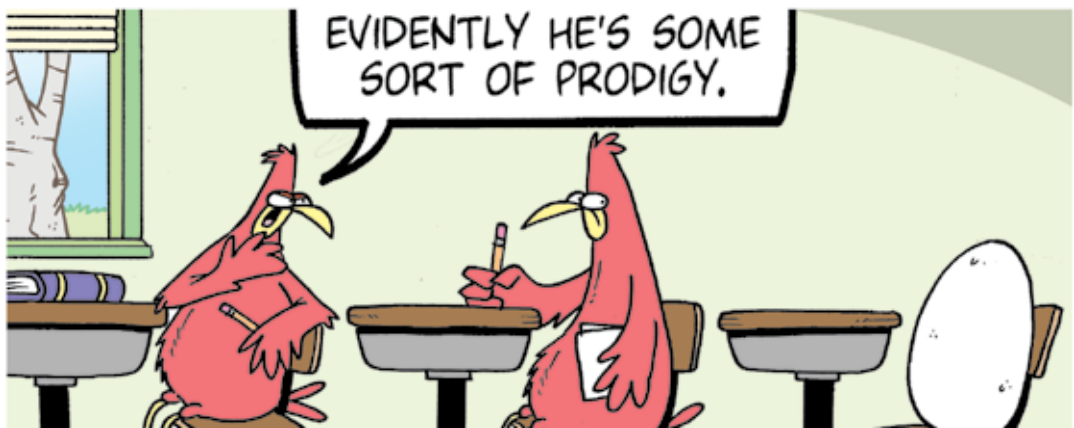
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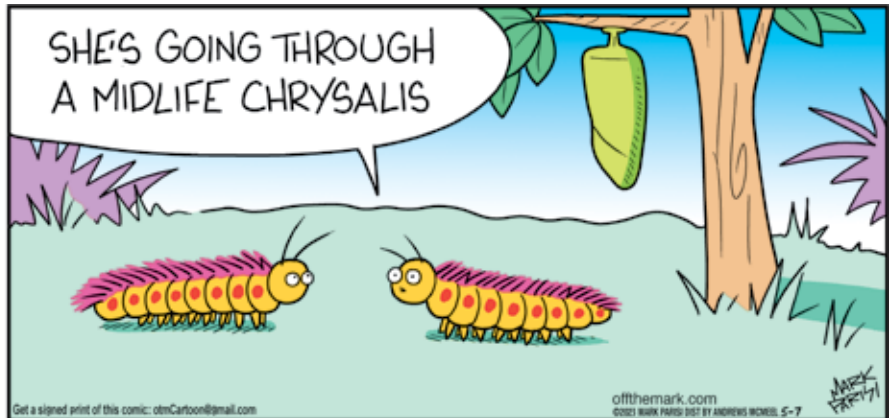
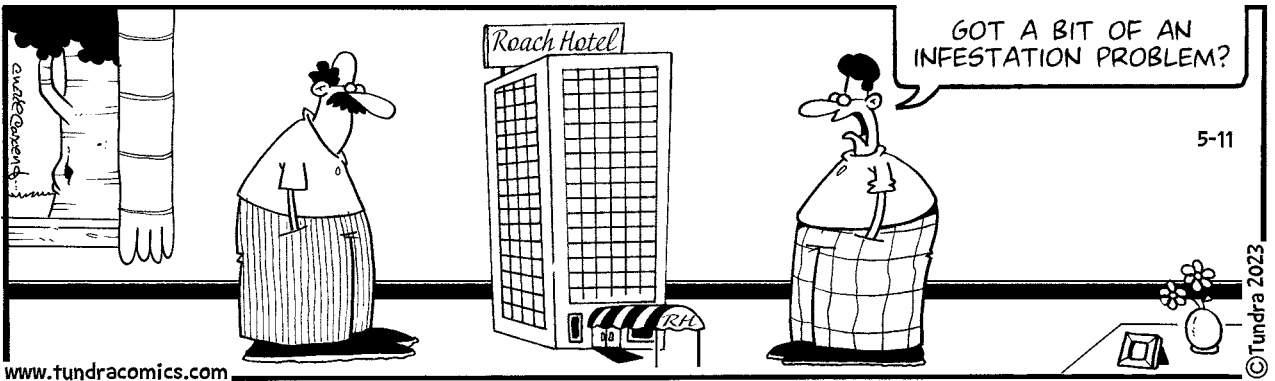
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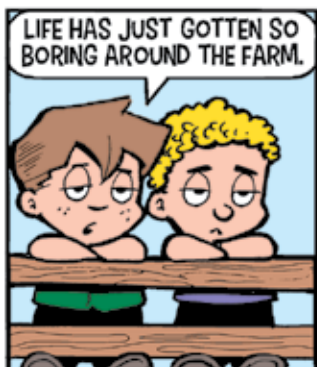


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hovering above 500 annually. As of May 4, registration was incomplete for the 2023-24 academic year but had already reached 495.

"I'd say enrollment is pretty consistent," said Medeiros, who estimated a range of 500 to 520 over the past few years.

Nelson offered his opinion that the lower grades need smaller class sizes and that it becomes a matter of personal opinion with older children.

Committee member Jason Chisholm suggested RMS has room in Grades 3 and 4 and the ability to enrich the community and be enriched by participating in School Choice. He cited Fairhaven resident, recent ORR graduate and Harvard student Eddie Gonet as an example.



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<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm <b>**THIS MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON ON May 18, 2023**</b></p> <p>Case #1518: Application of: Alexander White , 69 Ruane Road, Newton, MA 02465; RE:7 Pine Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit, as provided by Article3, Section 3.1.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a second story addition. The property is further described as Plot 2A , Lot 67 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023</p> <p>Case #1519: Petition of: Emmjay Realty, LLC, 13 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE:13 Industrial Drive. The applicant is seeking a VARIANCE, as provided by Article 6, Table 6.5 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to keep steel storage containers on property. The property is further described as Plot 26 , Lot 33.A on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia, Jordan Rodrigues 5/4, 5/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1150</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Five O'Clock Farm, LLC for property located at 66 Burgess Avenue, identified on Assessor's Map 15, Lot 19D, for a Special Permit under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6. (formerly Section VIII.D.6.), to operate a commercial equine operation. This is a remand hearing pursuant to Land Court Case No. 20 MISC 000507 (DRR).</p> <p>The public hearing will be on May 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 5/11, 5/18</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER SOIL BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Board will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, in Rochester regarding a Soil Removal Permit Application received from Double M Cranberry Co. Inc., for property located off County Road in Rochester, MA 02770, further identified on Assessor's Map 18, Lot 5. The property owner is Double M Cranberry Co., Inc., 209 Pierce Street, Rochester, MA 02330. The applicant proposes to strip off a 2+ acre hill to remove the top 2 feet of yellow dirt to serve as fill.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Roch-</p>	<p>ester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday. Gary Florindo, Chairman 5/4, 5/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #812</b></p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 25, 2023 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Terry Buckley and Gail Cullen, for a Variance from section 230-16.6, sec C, of the zoning by-law to allow for a residential solar ground mount with a height of approximately ten feet in the back instead of six feet.</p> <p>The property, located at 6 Derby Lane, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 11 as Lot 18A. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 5/4, 5/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Reservation Golf Club, PO Box 397, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to repair and replace the existing irrigation system on site. A portion of the work is within the coastal flood zone of Mattapoisett Harbor and buffer zone of coastal wetlands. The project is located at 10 Reservation Road, and is further identified as Lot 169.90A &amp; 6.175 on Assessor Map 11 &amp; 10 **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch 131, the Wetlands Protection Act, the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on May</p>	<p>22nd , 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall located at 16 Main St, on a Notice of Intent filing. The applicant, Joe Crespi, is proposing the upgrade of a failed septic system with associated grading and retaining walls within the buffer zone of a coastal bank and salt marsh area.</p> <p>The project is located at 4 Dyar Road and also identified as Assessors Map 012A Lot 28.0 5/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Michael &amp; Kirsten Saunders for 10 Beach Road, Assessors Map 2A, Lot 71 in Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing single-family dwelling and reconstruct a new dwelling on a parcel of land that is partially located in a mapped FEMA Flood Zone AE (EL 15). 5/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by 122 Register Road LLC for a proposed boat lift system &amp; access walkway at 122 Register Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots 1E, 121, 146 &amp; 147 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 5/11</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 52</i></p>
		

Committee member Anne Fernandes agreed on the enrichment piece but found School Choice not to be economically feasible for RMS.

Special Education was also discussed, including as it affects a School Choice scenario in which the school attended is unable to meet all the needs of a particular student. Nelson explained that meetings with the student's home district would be the next step toward finding solutions.

Nelson said RMS has eight students in Individual Education Plans (IEP).

No one responded from the public to the invitation for questions or comments, so Committee Chairperson Sharon Hartley closed the public hearing.

Fernandes motioned that RMS does not join the School Choice program, and member Kate Duggan seconded the motion, citing a need to prioritize current challenges faced by Rochester's own students. The vote was unanimous.

The committee voted to approve the following meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year: August 31, October 5, November 2, December 14, January 25, February 29, April 4 and June 6.

"This district is so completely unique in many ways, but one way that is tough on our school leaders is the fact that we have so many (committees) ...," said Hartley, citing the ORR District and Joint School Committee as well as the three towns' committees. "It means that there are way less nights and evenings and afternoons that our leaders can do other kinds of work that has to be done. It becomes really

complex."

Nelson said the ORR Administration will be proposing a more-consistent calendar of school-committee and subcommittee meeting dates in an effort to avoid conflicts with other school events and members' personal planning. He hopes Thursday will become a common day for those meetings.

The committee voted to accept the donation of a saxophone stand from ORR media director Erin Bednarczyk.

On recommendation of the school librarian, the committee also voted to accept the donation of the following 15 books from the Scholastic Book Fair: "A Crown for Corina" by Laekan Zea Kemp; "Star Wars Galactic Baking" by Insight Editions; "The Horse Encyclopedia for Kids" by Ethan Pembroke; "The Official Harry Potter Baking Book" by Joanna Farrow; "Frizzy" by Claribel A. Ortega; "If I Was the Sunshine" by Julie Fogliano; "A Poem for Peter" by Andrea Davis Pinkney; "The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster" by Mo Willems; "Waiting" by Kevin Henkes; "Who Was the First Man on the Moon?: Neil Armstrong" by Nathan Page; "Nature Attacks" by Lauren Tashis; "Who Was the Greatest?: Muhammad Ali" by Gabe Soria; "Cat Kid Comic Club" by Dav Pilkey; "Barakah Beats" by Maleeha Siddiqui and "Room to Dream" by Kelly Yang.

The committee heard updates on finances from ORR Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber and on the district's literacy initiative from Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Shari

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<p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Sippican Lands Trust for approximately 100 feet of split rail fence with 10-12 posts to be installed on a crushed stone path that leads down to the wood board walk at 354 Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 17 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair</p> <p>*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 5/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Fernandes Pacheco to replace 8-12 trees and bring the area back to acceptable visual condition at 1 Sparrow Lane.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 1C on Marion Assessors' Map 26. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair</p> <p>*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 5/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION &amp; TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING</b></p> <p>An Open Meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filing by Sharon Grant, for property located at 24 Mayflower Lane, Rochester, MA 02770, Map 21, Lot 41.</p> <p>The applicant seeks to install a set of exterior stairs to the existing garage within 70 feet of the wetlands with all other work being performed inside the garage.</p> <p>This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. 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Fedorowicz.

In his Principal's Report, Medeiros announced RMS will hold its science fair, art show and third-grade concert all in one night, Thursday, May 18, beginning at 5:30 pm. Medeiros thanked Tree Warden Jeff Eldridge and ORR School Committee member Matthew Monteiro for organizing Arbor Day, sending students home with trees. Kindergarten screening will be held Wednesday, May 31, and Thursday, June 1. Preregistered, half-hour slots will be held between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

The School Committee entered executive session for the purposes of exception Number 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and Number 7 to comply with the provisions of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements and only returned to adjourn.

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, at 6:30 pm at Rochester Memorial School. The next meeting of the Joint School Committee will be held on Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 pm at ORR Junior High School.

### Academic Achievements

**Jesse Pratt** of Marion, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Pratt was initiated at University of Massachusetts.

**Aidan Ridings** of Mattapoisett, was recently inducted into Lambda Epsilon Sigma, Stonehill College's honor society. The organization recognizes outstanding juniors and seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence, provided evidence of a thirst for knowledge that goes beyond the classroom, contributed to the intellectual development of our community and exhibited an ability to communicate effectively.

### MCC Scholarship

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**Theodore Carroll**, a student at Old Rochester Regional High School (ORR), is the recipient of the \$2,500 Coquillette Family Scholarship; Morgan Berry, a student at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, is the recipient of

the \$2,500 Memorial Scholarship.

In addition, we have awarded \$1,000 Coquillette Family Scholarships to: **Reagan Rock** (ORR) and **Grace Picewick** (Bourne High School), as well as \$1,000 Memorial Scholarships to: Thomas Berry and Jillian LeBlanc, both students at ORR.

### SkillsUSA Competition

On April 28, 42 Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School students competed at the annual SkillsUSA state competition held in Marlborough, MA. Upper Cape Tech competed with technical schools from all over Massachusetts.

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The Upper Cape Tech students with qualifying gold medals included **Laney Cooper** of Marion, Occupational Health & Safety Environmental Technology, who will go to the national competition in Atlanta Georgia in June.

### Bike Ride Traffic Announcement

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### New Exhibit at the Marion Art Center

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### High Tea and Treasures

The elegant and formal tea, hosted by the First Congregational Church of Marion last Saturday, was a delightful success. The linen-covered tables were set with delicate teacups, sterling silver and the traditional, three-tiered tray of finger sandwiches, scones and sweets. The King's Tea, imported from England, amazed even the non-tea drinkers. Beverly Peduzzi, church organist, played the newly acquired baby grand piano donated by the Truman Terrell family.

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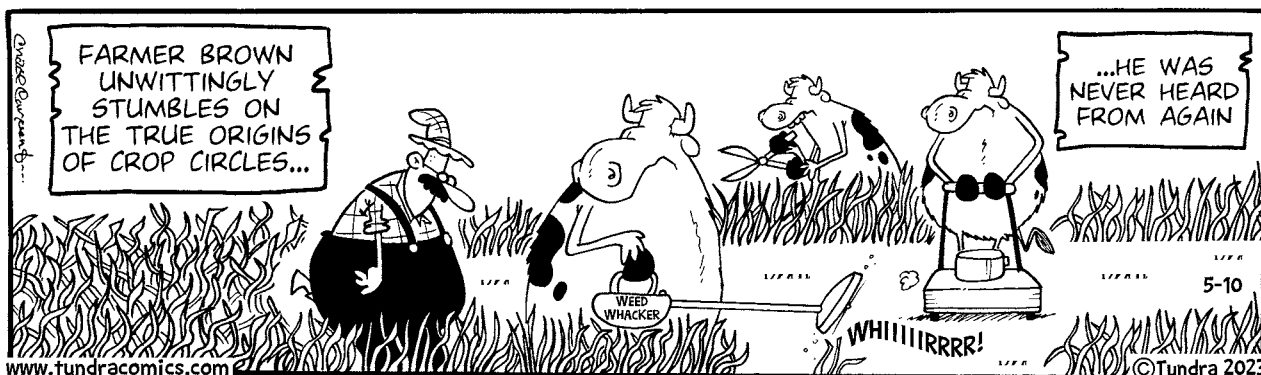
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Community Center was transformed into an afternoon garden. Appraisers Frank McNamee, Nick Taradash and Abigail Field were the highlight of the event—deeming personal treasures as unique items of value or just delightful knickknacks. Either way, the guests' laughter and smiles said it all: "this should become an annual event."

### Join Our Planter Angel Team

The Marion Garden Group planter boxes are again out and placed about our town. We would love to have your help to help us keep these planters looking their best throughout the summer.

Would you be willing to join our Planter Angel Team?

As a Planter Angel, you will be assigned to one planter. We ask that you work with your team to make sure the planter is properly watered, and the planter is always looking its best.

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Can you give an hour a week to help keep Marion looking its best? If so, please email us at [mariongardengroup@gmail.com](mailto:mariongardengroup@gmail.com), or call Suzy Taylor at 774-271-0457.



### MAC & MLT Present Plein Air Days

The Marion Art Center partners with the Mattapoisett Land Trust to present Plein Air Days at Munro Preserve, scheduled on Friday, **May 26** from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and Tuesday, **June 13** from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Munro Preserve is located at the intersection of Main and Water Streets, directly west of the Mattapoisett town wharves and Shipyard Park. Artists are invited to paint, sketch, photograph, write or create in any form on site at Munro Preserve. A representative from Mattapoisett Land Trust will be present to answer questions about the property and provide information to guests as needed. Plein Air Days are free and open to the public, but RSVPs are encouraged ([marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).) Classes and groups are



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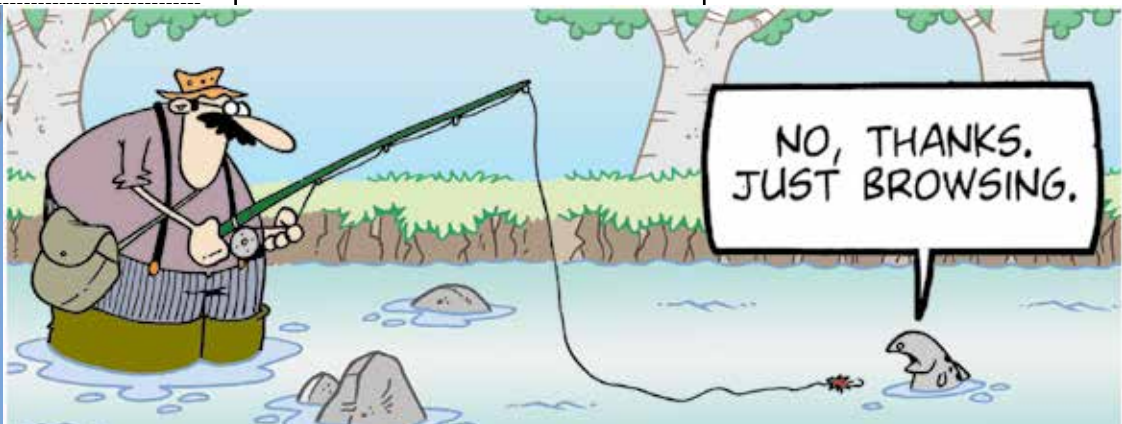


## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Don't forget to wish these people  
a Happy Birthday!

Jenna Aruri	May 11
Paul Hodson	May 11
Sawyer Fox	May 11
Sharon Sylvia	May 11
Bailee Lynn Cusick	May 12
Bill Hubbard	May 12
Frederica See	May 12
Hayden Kaiser	May 12
Scott Bissonette	May 12
Janice Pavao	May 13
Madelyn Caulkins	May 13
Nicholas Hubbard	May 13
Conner Reed Medeiros-Sweet	May 14
Alec R. Andrews	May 15
Bennett Cantwell	May 15
Dillon Furtado	May 15
Hunter Gibbs	May 15
James Pitts	May 15
Janet Scott	May 15
Andrew Taylor	May 16
Ava Koeppel	May 16
Jim Czerkovicz	May 16
Jonah Fouser	May 16
June Quintin	May 16
Roy R. Andrews	May 16
Ben Fearing	May 17
Ethel Howard	May 17

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com). To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



welcome. This will not be a guided class or meeting but an opportunity to be inspired by the natural landscape and beauty of the property. Artists should bring their own materials and may stay for as little or as long as they like. Limited parking is available at the wharves. Ample additional parking is available nearby at the large public lot on Depot Street.

Munro is a beautiful one acre waterfront park with lawns, perennial gardens and specimen trees all enjoying spectacular views of Mattapoissett Harbor and Buzzards Bay beyond. There are a number of benches as well as steps into the harbor near the western edge of the property. The stone seawall was reconstructed in 1999 and maintained again in 2015. The Munro property was a gift in 1975 of Ruth Munro, who lived in the big yellow house across the street on the corner of Water and Pearl Streets. Mrs. Munro's late husband was from a family long associated with Mattapoissett and its whaling history. In fact, this property was part of the site of the town's first shipyard, acquired in 1752 by shipbuilder Charles Stetson of Scituate. Within 25 years, according to Charles S. Mendell, Jr., no less than eight other shipbuilders established shipyards and wharves, and Mattapoissett became famous as the Whaleship building capital of the world.

### **Mattapoissett Library Upcoming Programs**

May is a busy month at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library. The library has two exciting upcoming programs for families.

On Saturday, **May 20** at 11 am, join us for an exciting game of Family Jeopardy. Gather the family together and test your knowledge of a variety of trivia categories. There are prizes for all who participate, and the winning team will receive the surprise grand prize.

On Saturday, May 23 at 2 pm, join us for Make Your Own Pinch Pots. We will transform a chunk of air-dry clay into adorable multi-use pinch pots. This is a very open program, and patrons will be welcome to use a variety of techniques to create their pot (or plate.) We will be utilizing plants to leave imprints in the clay. This program is recommended for ages 12 and up. Registration is required.

All programs are free and open to the public. Visit our website for a complete list of all our programming for the month. If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 or email [mflp@sailsinc.org](mailto:mflp@sailsinc.org).

### **Bathsheba Spooner:**

#### **A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy**

On Saturday, **May 27** from noon-1:30 pm, come hear from local author Andrew Noone, author of *Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy*. The book details the most sensational crime of the Revolution. The title character, when five months pregnant, was hanged alongside her three British and American accomplices. Spooner, John Adams' second cousin, was the first woman executed in the new U.S., the instigator behind the nation's premier capital case. Spooner was the favorite child of Massachusetts'

most prominent loyalist, Brig. Gen. Timothy Ruggles, who established his legal career at Rochester.

Named #1 new release, *US Revolution*, at Amazon, the book was highlighted in Kirkus Reviews' first issue of 2022. The author has given over sixty podcasts and readings, including those for dozens of historical societies and libraries, such as Boston's Old North Church, Worcester, Plymouth, Salem and Lexington. The book, now in the collections of the American Antiquarian and Massachusetts Historical Societies (as well as here at Plumb Library) has sold over 1,200 copies.

The author will provide a brief synopsis of the book, present relevant historical images, share answers to his most frequently asked questions and read two short excerpts from the book, followed by a Q&A and book signing. Copies will be available for sale. Please register for this free event through our online Events Calendar. Thank you to the Friends of Plumb Library for sponsoring this event.

### **BookRemarks: Plumb Library**

Greetings from Plumb Library. Welcome to BookRemarks, our new monthly feature focusing on all things library related.

Let's talk about book clubs. Your Library offers a number of opportunities for you to come out and be social in book-related ways. Book clubs are a great way to meet new people, learn about new authors and read books that you may not normally gravitate toward. It's an opportunity to share and learn with other readers in a casual setting, and there are almost always snacks. We hope that you'll consider joining us at one of our meetings.

We have a long-standing adult book club, started in 2004, recently renamed "Books & Babble" that meets the last Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm. In this group we read fiction, nonfiction and biographies under an umbrella theme for the year. The 2023 theme is "Food, Art, & Adventure," and the book for May is "The Kitchen Front" by Jennifer Ryan. After a short hiatus, the Council on Aging Book Club is back. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1 pm at the COA and are currently reading "This Time Tomorrow" by Emma Straub. New members are always welcome at both of these groups and books, along with discussion questions, can be picked up at the Library. For our slightly younger readers, there are 4 levels of BookBuds reading groups ranging from 6 years to high school. They meet the 1st Friday or Saturday of the month and registration is required. Check out our Events Calendar for more information and to sign up at [www.plumblibrary.com](http://www.plumblibrary.com).

As always, your Library Staff, Kristen, Jen, Lisa and Bridget are here to help you find what you need. Feel free to call 508-763-8600 or email us [info@plumblibrary.com](mailto:info@plumblibrary.com) with any questions. Better yet, come by and say hello.

### **MATTREC Girls Lacrosse**

MATTREC is thrilled to announce we have added a Girls Lacrosse clinic this summer. The clinic will be run by Jim Maxwell and John Jacobsen, both coach for the ORR

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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). O Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Amen. Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will be granted to you. P.L.

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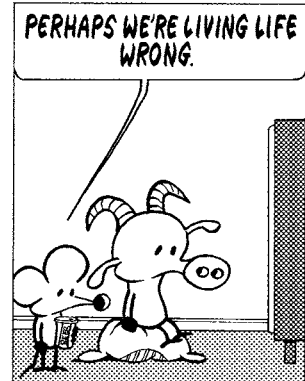
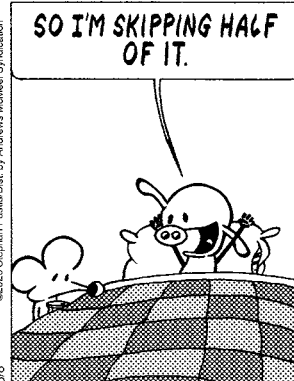
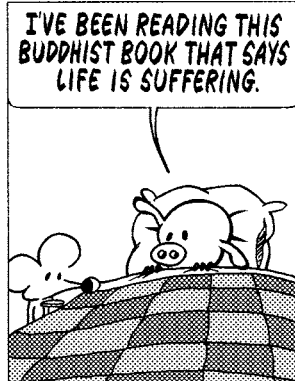
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis





Lacrosse program. The clinic is **July 31-August 4** from 9:00-12:00 at ORR High School front field. Girls Grades 3-8 are welcome to attend the clinics which will focus on Stickwork, Shooting, Defense, Footwork/Speed and Team play. Sign up online at [www.mattrec.net](http://www.mattrec.net).

### HFOT to Donate Home

The national nonprofit organization, Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) will donate a home to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rebecca Mann on Saturday, **May 13**. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann was severely injured while serving in Afghanistan. The event will be held at the home at 10 am, check-in at 9:30 am. The public is welcome to attend and tour the home after the ceremony.

Due to limited parking, the public is asked to park at Mattapoisett Park & Ride, 87 North Street, Mattapoisett. A shuttle will be provided to and from the home site.

In March 2014, during her second deployment, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann was serving with the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division when she sustained an injury to her right foot. In October 2017, Rebecca was in constant pain and elected to have doctors amputate her right foot. Eventually, she learned she had a microvascular condition that was causing the pain and blood flow issues in her residual limb and left leg. Rebecca elected to have doctors amputate her left foot in 2020.

Receiving a donated, specially adapted custom Homes for Our Troops home that will empower Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann to achieve her goals. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann spends most of her time on the main level in her current home, since using the stairs is challenging while on her prosthetics. Her backyard is sloped and uneven, making it hard for her to maintain her balance when she takes her dogs out. She often becomes discouraged when she cannot use her wheelchair throughout her home because the hallways are too narrow.

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countertops. The home will also alleviate the mobility and safety issues associated with a traditional home, including navigating a wheelchair through narrow hallways or over thresholds, riding on carpets, or reaching for cabinets that are too high. HFOT will donate the home to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann, thanks to contributions from donors, supporters, and corporate partners.

"Receiving an adapted home from HFOT will enable me to live safely in my home and be independent even when I have to use my wheelchair," she says. "I hope someday I can change someone else's life like HFOT does for their Veterans."

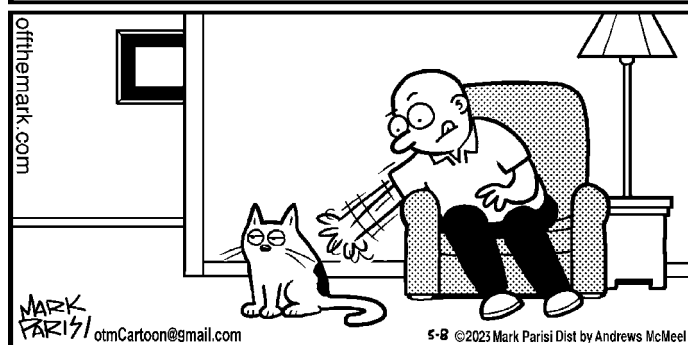
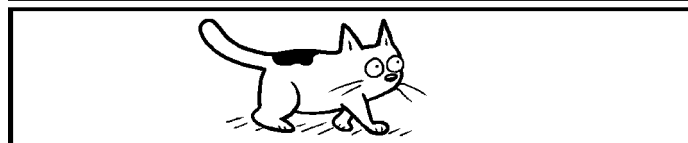
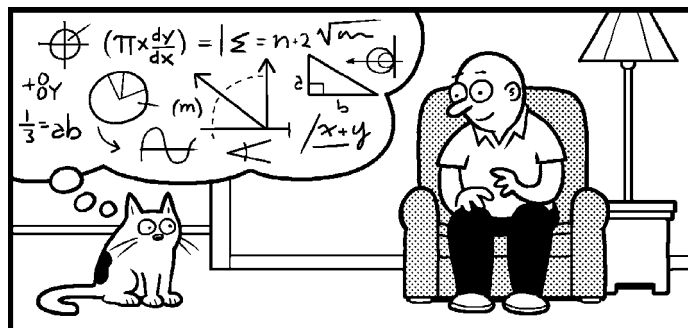
Currently, there are over 76 active projects underway nationwide. To find out more on how to get involved or make a donation, visit [www.hfotusa.org](http://www.hfotusa.org).

Read more about Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann at [www.hfotusa.org/mann/](http://www.hfotusa.org/mann/).

### Rochester Historical Society May Meeting

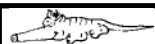
The Rochester Historical Society program on **May 17** at 7:00, will feature Nettie Hopkins, Queen Bee of Rochester. Along with her husband Tom, she will discuss the many aspects of bee keeping, both economic and ecological. Netty has a passion for bees that she will be sharing with us. There will also be a honey-taste testing. We will meet at our museum at 355 County Rd. Hope you will be there.

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## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 11	12:57	1:32	6:55	6:47
Friday	May 12	1:58	2:32	8:31	8:19
Saturday	May 13	2:58	3:33	9:49	10:12
Sunday	May 14	4:01	4:37	10:41	11:22
Monday	May 15	5:05	5:38	11:21	
Tuesday	May 16	6:04	6:32	12:15	12:02
Wednesday	May 17	6:56	7:22	1:02	12:29
Thursday	May 18	7:45	8:08	1:46	1:06
Friday	May 19	8:31	8:52	2:28	1:45
Saturday	May 20	9:16	9:36	3:07	2:26
Sunday	May 21	10:01	10:19	3:44	3:10
Monday	May 22	10:46	11:03	4:19	3:54
Tuesday	May 23	11:33	11:49	4:56	4:37
Wednesday	May 24		12:21	5:35	5:23
Thursday	May 25	12:36	1:10	6:20	6:13
Friday	May 26	1:22	1:57	7:15	7:14
Saturday	May 27	2:05	2:43	8:19	8:29
Sunday	May 28	2:49	3:30	9:16	9:44
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		May 12th May 19th May 27th June 3rd	



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the May 4, 2023 edition the Aardvark was on page 19

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Secret
2. Speech;
3. Custom;
4. Clamor

Today's Word  
**MOTHER**

Sudoku Answer

4	1	9	2	5	3	8	6	7
3	5	7	8	9	6	1	4	2
8	6	2	1	4	7	9	3	5
2	9	8	5	7	4	3	1	6
6	4	5	9	3	1	2	7	8
1	7	3	6	2	8	4	5	9
9	8	1	4	6	5	7	2	3
7	2	6	3	1	9	5	8	4
5	3	4	7	8	2	6	9	1

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ANOTHER LINE OF WORK?

by Mark Parisi  
off the mark



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Blue Diamond  
4.25 oz. Selected  
**Nut-Thins**  
Crackers  
**2/\$6**



Mott's - 64 oz. Selected  
Apple Juice..... **2/\$6**  
Quaker - 13 oz. Original or Cinnamon  
Life Cereal..... **\$3.99**  
Barilla - 12 oz. Selected  
Gluten Free Pasta..... **2/\$6**  
Near East - 5.25-10 oz. Selected (Excludes  
Long Grain & Wild Rice & Quinoa)  
Side Dishes..... **2/\$4**  
Kraft - 8 oz. Grated  
Parmesan Cheese..... **\$4.99**  
Geisha - 8 oz. Sliced or Whole  
Water Chestnuts..... **2/\$3**  
Chicken of the Sea  
5 oz. Solid White in Water  
Albacore Tuna..... **2/\$4**

Wish-Bone - 8 oz. Selected  
Dressing..... **2/\$4**  
DiBruno Bros. - 7.6 oz. Selected  
Cheese Spread..... **\$6.99**  
Culture Pop  
12 oz. Cans. 4 Pack Selected  
Soda..... +Dep. **\$7.99**  
Nabisco - 11.75-13 oz. Selected  
Chips Ahoy! Cookies..... **2/\$7**  
Nabisco - 13.7 oz. Selected  
Ritz Crackers..... **2/\$7**  
Dawn - 18 oz. Selected  
Dishwashing Liquid..... **\$3.49**  
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Sour Cream..... **\$2.29**

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Black Angus, Boneless  
**Ribeye**  
Steak  
**\$19.99** lb



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Baby Back Pork Ribs..... **\$3.19** lb  
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Chicken Breast..... **\$11.99** lb  
Boar's Head  
Pepper Jack Cheese..... **\$7.99** lb  
Friends'  
Yogurt Parfait..... **\$5.99** ea  
BelGioioso  
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Friends'  
Premium Certified  
Black Angus  
**Sirloin  
Strip  
Steak**  
**\$17<sup>99</sup>**  
lb.



Store Baked  
**Roast  
Beef**  
**\$12<sup>99</sup>**  
lb.



Bonne Maman  
13 oz. Orange Marmalade  
or Selected  
**Fruit  
Preserves**  
**\$5<sup>49</sup>**



Talenti  
16 oz. Selected  
Sorbetto or  
**Gelato**  
**\$4<sup>49</sup>**



Cascadian Farm  
8-10 oz. Selected  
**Organic  
Fruit**  
**\$4<sup>49</sup>**



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Soave Classico  
**Inama  
Vin Soave  
Wine**  
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**Cucumbers ..... \$1<sup>29</sup>  
ea.**

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**Tomatoes ..... \$1<sup>49</sup>  
lb.**



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